

Common Ground

“ How to Work Through Relational Conflict - Part 1 ”

1. Keep a Spiritual Focus v. 1-6

2. Be Sure to Acknowledge What is Good v. 7



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Philemon 1-6. Given Philemon is a letter to resolve conflict, what does the introduction highlight?
- How does this relate to Point #1? Why is this an important part of resolving personal conflict?
- In what way can Christians fall into the self-serving trap? How does Point #1 encourage you?

Point #2

- Read Philemon 7. What godly qualities does Paul highlight about Philemon? Why did he do it?
- In what way did Paul do the same thing about Onesimus in v. 13? How does this relate to Point #2?
- Think through someone you are currently struggling with and describe how Point #2 adjusts you. Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Philemon 1-6, Colossians 3:12-13, Ephesians 5:11

- Given that Philemon is essentially a letter to resolve conflict, what does Paul's introduction highlight?
- How did Paul highlight similar truths in Philippians 4:8-9 and Ephesians 5:11? Be specific.
- Why is this type of focus an important part of working through relational conflict? How does this help you?

TUESDAY // Read James 4:1-3, Ephesians 4:1-6, Romans 12:18

- Why is it important for every Christian to take personal responsibility in relational conflict?
- What happens when this doesn't take place? What is the natural temptation? Give a personal example.
- If unity is the mark of spiritual maturity, what is your spiritual condition? Take some time to pray about it.

WEDNESDAY // Read Philemon 3, Romans 1:7, 1 Cor. 1:3, 2 Cor. 1:2, Gal. 1:3, Eph. 1:2, Phil. 1:2, Col. 1:2, etc.

- Describe how Paul began all thirteen of his letters. What was the perspective? Be specific.
- What do you think Paul was trying to promote? Why would this have been important?
- Given today's divided world, how do you see this message being important? How does this encourage you?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 7:1-5

- What was Jesus warning against when relational conflict takes place? Why is this important?
- Give an example of how you've seen this take place in your life. What was the result?
- Describe someone you're currently struggling with. How may you be contributing to the struggle. Pray about it!

FRIDAY // Read Philemon 7, 13, Philippians 4:8-9

- Again, given that Philemon is a letter to resolve conflict, what does Paul's introduction (i.e., v. 7) highlight?
- How does v. 13 highlight the same truth? In what way does this provide balance in relational conflict?
- Think through who you are currently struggling with and write down the "good". How does this help?

SATURDAY // Read Philemon 1-7

- In what way is Paul establishing some common ground before addressing the Philemon and Onesimus conflict?
- How do you see culture today approaching personal conflict very different? Give an example.
- How did this week's study help you with someone you're struggling with? What steps will you take today?

MEDITATION VERSE: *³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Philemon 3