



JESUS TALKS: CONFLICT

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. As you reflect on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that you found confusing? Anything that stood out to you or challenged you?
2. Brian said, "Resolving conflict has more to do with what you choose than whether you win or lose." How does the desire to be right keep you from resolving conflict?
3. Read **Matthew 5:23-25**; **I John 4:19-21**; **John 17:20-23**. Why did Jesus put such a high priority on resolving conflict?
4. Read **Matthew 18:15-20**. What is the process Jesus gives in this passage for handling conflict between brothers in Christ? How will using these steps protect the unity of our church and our Life Group?
5. Read **Mark 10:35-45**. How did Jesus redefine greatness in these verses? Do you think there is any danger of trying to put others first just to look more spiritual? What are some practical ways to begin to be a servant to others?
6. **Read Philippians 2:5-8**. What is the mind (or attitude) that is ours in Christ? How can we live out that attitude or mind set during times of conflict or when we feel offended?
7. Application: Romans 12:18 "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
 - a. Is there someone with whom you need to make peace? Resolve to have that conversation and ask your Life Group to pray for you.
 - b. Each day this week ask God to help you find at least one way to put others' needs ahead of your own.
8. Challenge: In Philippians 2:5-8 we read how Jesus chose humility and resolved the ultimate conflict between God and us. This was His mission. Brian said, "A clearly defined mission breeds humility, because we all know that where we're going is more important than who is first." What is the mission of our church? Our Life Group?

Prayer Thought: Use the ACTS prayer method to praise God that He is our peace, to confess our pride and desire to please ourselves, to thank Him for giving us the mind of Christ, and to ask Him to help us humbly ask forgiveness and make peace when we have conflicts with others or feel offended.

Series Memory Verse: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." **Matthew 7:24**