



CENTRAL Life Groups

CURRICULUM



WEEK 2 /// COMMITTED TO RESOLVE CONFLICT

DISCUSS

Since all healthy relationships — including those among believers — deal with conflict, we desire to resolve conflict in our Life Group that unifies the group, strengthens relationships, and glorifies God.

- How do you deal with conflict?
- What are unhealthy and unhelpful ways we deal with conflict in church today?

READ

Have someone in the group read Matthew 5:23-25 and 18:15-35 out loud.

DISCUSS

- In Matthew 5:23-25, what does Jesus instruct us to do when there is conflict between us and another believer?
- In Matthew 18:15-35, what are the different steps we should take when a brother or sister sins against us? List them as a group. How can you apply these steps in your Life Group?
- What is the big takeaway from Jesus' parable of the Unforgiving Servant? Why is that so important?

READ

Have someone in the group read Ephesians 4:1-3 out loud.

DISCUSS

- How does this passage in Ephesians 4 overlap with Matthew 18?
- How can a Life Group “fail” regarding Paul's instruction in Ephesians 4:3? How can we get this wrong?
- How can you achieve unity in the Spirit in your Life Group?

APPLY

One of our Life Group Behaviors is “Talk to Each Other, Not About Each Other.” We reject gossip and deal with conflict directly, with humility and love.

As members of Central and members of a Life Group, we want to make every effort to be peacemakers in the midst of conflict. We don't want to be peace-fakers who run away and avoid conflict. We also don't want to be peace-breakers who seek to “get even” and hurt those who hurt us. We want to take the necessary steps to be peacemakers who display a commitment to love one another, even in disagreement or dispute. For we know, blessed are the peacemakers (Matthew 5:9).

If you or your group find yourself in a conflict, you can reference the “Conflict Resolution Guide” that is available at centralrr.com/lifegroups. The guide will serve as a step-by-step resource to help resolve the conflict using biblical principles.