

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



FIGHTING FAIR
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ICEBREAKER

- How do you react when someone at the table tries to add rules during a game?
- What do you like more: competing in a game or watching other people compete?

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For the most part games and competition can be great but there's one arena in life which they are not...relationships. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10

QUESTIONS

- What is the win in a relationship? (The relationship! The point of a relationship is to have a mutually enjoyable relationship.)
- Why is it more important to focus on our hearts during conflict than the one who is most at fault? (Focusing on our hearts helps to unite the relationship as you give the other person the benefit of the doubt. When the focus of conflict is on blame then nobody wins and division begins.)
- How can we improve our communication during a fight? (Pass the dice allowing the other person to speak fully when it's their turn without interruption, avoid talking over one another, try not to escalate your voice, remain calm, see their perspective, etc.)

- What are a few guardrails or boundaries on communication that are helpful to you during conflict? (e.g., [speak to heal not to wound](#), [avoid name-calling](#), [remain patient and listen](#), etc.)
- What are some of the games we play in relationships? ([change game](#) – how can I change you without you knowing, [guessing game](#) – the other person has to guess at what’s wrong with you because you think they should already know, [guilt game](#) – “if you were really my friend...” it's another way to change someone, [blame game](#) – the reason I did that is because of “you”, [assumption game](#) – when you assume the worst instead of believing the best). What game do you most identify with? How do we win at the games we play? (The only way to win is not to play.)
- What is the difference between unity and uniformity in a relationship? (Unity is to listen and respect each other’s differences while maintaining open communication. Uniformity is holding to one’s view, beliefs, and standards with no allowance to the other’s differences hence shutting down communication.)
- What is the motivation behind unity? (Unity is motivated by love whereas uniformity is motivated by fear and control.)

READ

Romans 12:3-5 and 12:10-12

QUESTIONS

- Consider Paul’s words in Romans 12:3. How should we think about ourselves during conflict? (We are not to think too highly of ourselves. For example: Am I only considering what I am owed in this conflict? Am I being reasonable in my argument or sensible to other’s perspectives? Am I self-aware of how I am acting? Am I obsessed with being right?)
- What does God think about you? (He loves you, He is crazy about you, He delights in you, and He is mindful of you and cares for you.)
- What impact does knowing what God thinks of you have on your relationships? (You see yourself better therefore you are set up to have a better relationship with someone because you no longer have a skewed view of yourself. Meaning you don’t tend to think too highly or too lowly of yourself. You have sober judgment – you are self-aware.)
- In Romans 3:10, what action does God give us in our relationships? (Be devoted (or defer) to one another in love.) What role does this action have in our relationships? ([Friendships](#): is believing the best not assigning motives. [Family](#): Honor replaces obedience. I am obeying you because I want to honor you. [Dating](#): I’ll only do what is best for you. [Marriage](#): a submission competition.)

- What point in this group discussion was most impactful for you?

CLOSE IN PRAYER: How can the group pray for you now and in the days ahead?

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