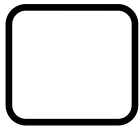


GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Which do you prefer in an argument: to be right or to be reconciled?
2. Read the message text (Mark 3:20-34) and look at the message outline to remind you of the message.
 - a. What was memorable from the message? Share it with the group.
 - b. What question did the message raise in your mind? Discuss it as a group.
3. Read Acts 15:5. The people speaking—who are they?
 - a. When we see the word Pharisee, we often assume that they will be the enemy and predict that they will be judgmental. If you think of them primarily as Pharisees, are you getting ready to love them or to have a conflict?
 - b. When we see the word “believers,” we often assume they will be friends with good motives. If you think of them primarily as believers, are you getting ready to love them or to have a conflict?
 - c. What does the difference teach you about you? What does the difference teach you about conflict?
4. Read the rest—Acts 15:5-21.
 - a. In vs. 7-9 Peter is right. But he doesn’t care about being right for the sake of being right. What does he really want? (vs 10-11)?
 - b. In the same way in vs. 13-18 James (the half-brother of Jesus, Matthew 13:55, Galatians 1:19) is also right. And, like Peter, he wants what is best for others. How does he show love for both the Gentile and Jewish believers?
5. What are some of the barriers that “the need to be right” creates that makes reconciliation difficult?
6. How does Jesus’ love break down those barriers and rearrange our priorities?
7. Pray for each other that God would give the humility and love to set aside being right and strive for love that can lead to reconciliation.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Mark 3:20-35

FAMILY CONFLICT: “EACH HAD TO BE RIGHT...”

(Bring Jesus to the pain)

...a memorable day that shook the family...

I. A DAY IN THE LIFE

The accusations against Jesus were **C**_____

“He has _____!”

“He is _____!”

The reaction of Jesus is **N**_____

W_____ **P**_____ **L**_____

L_____ without sarcasm. **H**_____ without anger.

MAKING IT MY OWN Beware the NEED to be right...

2. LESSONS FOR LIFE

“I don’t NEED to be **R**_____.”

What am I **A**_____ of? Why am I so **A**_____?

“I WANT to be **R**_____.”

FOCUSED on **M**_____ and **M**_____

MAKING IT MY OWN How to resolve my NEED to be right...

TAKING IT HOME Make it a day to inspire the family!

Next Steps

- **Honest Reflection**...go in prayer to the Lord your God and seek his forgiveness and his inspiration in our sinful “NEED to be right”. Don’t be afraid. Jesus gets us! 😊
- **Ponder** the relationships you have hurt in your life because you needed to “be right.” As you can, seek out those people and seek reconciliation. No fear. Jesus is with you! 😊
- **Take a Peek** at the Group Work in the worship folder for more practical advice on resolving family conflict. It will be worth the effort and the journey in faith! 😊