



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 7 CHURCH GONE WILD: “Biblical Conflict”

Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

1. Paul assumes Christians will experience conflict. What does the way we respond to conflict reveal about what is happening in our hearts? How can pride, the need to be right, or the desire to protect ourselves keep us from responding like Christ?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:7: “Why not rather suffer wrong?” How does the Gospel change our understanding of our “rights” when we have been hurt or mistreated? How does Jesus—who willingly laid down His rights for us—become our example?
3. Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:15 to go directly to the person who has sinned against us. Why are we often more comfortable talking about someone than talking to them?
4. What would it look like to approach that person with the goal of restoration rather than proving that we are right?
5. The sermon says we should remember that we are “first sinner, second sinned against.” How does remembering our own need for grace change the way we respond when someone sins against us? How can remembering what Christ has forgiven in us help us extend grace without excusing another person’s sin?
6. 1 Corinthians 6:11 says, “And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified...” Why are the words “but you were” so important to the Gospel? What do these three truths—washed, sanctified, and justified—teach us about what Jesus has done for us and is continuing to do in us?
7. How should our identity in Christ change the way we handle conflict? If the “old you” responded by fighting, avoiding, gossiping, holding grudges, or cutting people off, what might a response shaped by your new identity in Christ look like?
8. Think about a conflict or broken relationship in your life right now. Based on the Gospel and what we learned today, what is your next step of obedience? Do you need to go to someone who hurt you, confess that you hurt someone else, forgive, listen, seek reconciliation, or ask a mature believer to help? Before focusing on what the other person needs to change, what might Jesus want to change in you?

