

Cross Culture Church
Life Groups
Session 2 Discussion 3

Conflict is a Seminar

Opening:

At this point most of you know each other, but if there is anyone new take a minute and introduce yourselves and answer the following questions:

- 1.) Name
- 2.) Where are you from?
- 3.) Favorite drink and why?
- 4.) How has viewing life as a seminar helped you so far?

Expectations:

- Show up, if you can't make it, let us know
- Have fun!
- What is shared here stays here.
- Be willing to be vulnerable. Growth happens with honesty.
- Share but leave room for others to talk

Announcements:

Ask your leader what is on the schedule this month at CCC
<https://www.crossculturedenver.org/calendar>

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Discussion:

15 *"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. **16** But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' **17** If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.*

18 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

19 *"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

Matthew 18:15-20

Discussion Questions:

- How does the world handle conflict?
- How do you handle conflict poorly?(Judgement free zone)
- If you were to map out how Jesus says to handle conflict in this passage what would the steps be?(Take a minute as a group and do so)
- From those steps which is the most difficult and why?

Time for confession and encouragement:

Do not use names in this portion to avoid gossip. If someone uses a name, tell them to please not do it. Gossip is sin and very harmful to the body. In fact, it is a power of the Kingdom killer.

Have everyone go around and share a conflict they currently have. This conflict could be something small, does not have to be major. Share with the group the growth that could come from confronting it for both parties. Share with the group the risk. How would you become more like Jesus if you began to handle conflict like Jesus would?

Extended prayer time:

Walk through the following prayer together and then spend some time praying for one another afterwards. Have each person pray for the person on their right. (If digital assign each person to another)

Dear Father,

Thank you for addressing the greatest conflict in my life, sin. You did it through Jesus Christ. You faced the hardest obstacle in order to save me and invite me into eternal living in Jesus. Father, I surrender my fears and control over this conflict I am having. Give me your perspective and use it to shape me in the likeness of your son Jesus. Help me to be kind, honest and clear. I pray that from me addressing conflict head on that your Kingdom will come in my life and those around me.

Spend some time praying for one another's fears and opportunities. Also, pray for love to shine and boldness to take place.