
HOW TO THROW DOWN WITHOUT A SHOWDOWN

WEEK # 3



Week # 3: Fighting Fairly

We all have conflicts. They can be manageable, and even life-changing for the good. During this series, we will focus on our conflict management skills.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What steps do you typically take when you have a conflict with someone else?

2. **Read Matthew 18:15-20.**

On Sunday, we learned the process of fighting fairly. Once you've decided to fight back, fight second by considering your own faults, Jesus has a simple, but effective process for conflict management: (1) Go to the person, (2) Directly share with them their fault (and how it hurt you), (3) and then Work together toward a just solution.

What pieces of this process do you use in your own conflicts?

Is it possible to utilize this model of conflict resolution in our culture today?

Which step does our culture struggle with the most, and why?

3. Choose a current conflict of at least two of the group members. Using the steps in Matthew 18:15-20, work through the conflict as a group to help the group member have a plan for how to throw down without a showdown. Be sensitive and careful as you process the conflict of the group members. Listen, offer sound advice where appropriate, and speak with kindness toward each other. Encourage and pray for group members whose conflicts you discuss as a group, and pray for a just solution for all parties to emerge from the process.
4. After reading and study the Scriptures and working together as a group on conflicts, which part of the process is most difficult for you personally? Going forward, how will you integrate the lessons from tonight into your own personal conflict resolution process?

BE THE REVOLUTION

When conflict arises, fight fairly. The point of engaging in conflict is a just resolution and the restoration and redemption of the person and relationship.

RENOVATING THE HEART

If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault...(Matthew 18:15).