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# HOW TO THROW DOWN WITHOUT A SHOWDOWN

## WEEK # 4



### Week # 4: Fighting Differently

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. Should Christians handle conflict differently than the world does? If so, why? If not, why not?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-8.**  
The backdrop of this passage is that conflicts should be handled inside the church rather than outside of it. We can make a parallel application to our own culture in modeling healthy conflict in a broken world. Accordingly, consider 1 Corinthians 6:1. How might this apply to our culture today? Why would taking conflict before the saints be a healthier option than the ungodly?
3. As a group, discuss verses 2-5. Is there value in having a group of people within the church to help those having conflicts resolve them? How might it be fruitful? What are the potential pitfalls?
4. Why would Paul be angry that one brother goes to law against another in front of unbelievers (vs 6)? In what way does the airing of our conflicts in a healthy or unhealthy manner affect those investigating Christianity or those who are newer to the faith?
5. Special Focus: Have Christians lost the ability to disagree and remain in community? Why or why not? What might Christians do to recapture the ability to have healthy conflict and remain in community with each other? What points can be applied within your Renovation Group, Renovation Band, or our local community at Revolution?
6. Re-Read 1 Corinthians 6:7-8. Discuss your response to Paul's words about rather being wronged or cheated. How willing are you to lose the battle to win the greater war? Does our application of this verse challenge the notions by which we seek justice and resist evil?

#### **BE THE REVOLUTION**

Fight differently. While Christians will have disputes with each other, the ways in which we proceed and process conflict matters. Our ability to process and come to resolution in times of conflict directly impacts the vitality of the Church and our witness to the world.

#### **RENOVATING THE HEART**

*Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? (1 Corinthians 6:7).*