

***Discipleship 101***  
**Learning to Take Christianity Seriously**

**Session #10—Because We're Reconciled with God, God Calls on Us  
to Reconcile with Each Other**

1. Theme verse #1: James 4:1-3. Theme verse #2: Romans 5:1-2

“We know that every natural impulse, however innocent in itself may stand between God and us, and so become an idol”—C.S. Lewis.

2. Conflicts (when they get personal) reveal our idols.
3. Conflicts (when they get personal) always tell us more about \_\_\_\_\_ than they do about others.
4. Example: One person gets upset because kids cut across his yard with their bikes. Another person hardly even notices. The first person is in a conflict with the kids in his neighborhood.
- a. What does this conflict tell you about this man and his yard?
  - b. What are some possible idols?
5. *General Rule #1* about conflict: Conflicts always tell us more about ourselves than they do others.
6. *General Rule #2* about conflict: There is a correlation (that is a relationship or connection) between the \_\_\_\_\_ of a person's emotions (anger, anxiety, worry, or disappointment) and the depth of the \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. you don't get upset about things you don't care about).
7. *General Rule #3* about conflict: If you really want to know what's going on in a conflict you need to be *willing* to ask the right questions of yourself and others and listen with \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Conflicts always tell us more about ourselves than they do about others, which is why whenever we find ourselves in a conflict, we almost automatically go into \_\_\_\_\_ mode.

9. Self-defense mode is first and foremost a \_\_\_\_\_ issue, and self-defense mode can be defined as any kind of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ response. Self-defense mode is almost always accompanied by F.O.G. F \_\_\_\_\_ ; O \_\_\_\_\_ ; G \_\_\_\_\_. Blame and excuses analysis.

**Breakout** (5 min.):

1. How is “self-defense mode” the opposite of what Jesus gives in our Theme Verse #2?
2. If you’re constantly scared of losing something, can you ever have peace or contentment? Why or why not?

10. So how does Jesus handle our conflict with God? Ephesians 2:4-7

11. How important is forgiveness in the teaching of Jesus? Read Matthew 18:21-35.

12. Read Colossians 3:12-13: Based on these verses, how does God want us to handle our conflicts?

13. The irony of conflicts. 1 Corinthians

14. Progression of an Idol: I  
desire...\_\_\_\_\_...judge...\_\_\_\_\_.

15. Speaking Christ’s forgiveness: the only way to deal with the inherent cause of conflict. Inherency analysis.

16. The goal of the Christian life when it comes to relationships with those around us is to let God’s forgiveness take what separates us from Him and each other, and through the forgiveness of Jesus, use it to draw us closer together.

17. How does what you’ve learned about the Lord’s Supper impact how you:

Believe?

Behave?

Belong?