

# CONFLICT(ED)

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*pursuing peace in  
a cancel culture*

### DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss what building up and not hindering the faith of others looks like in the Kingdom of God. *Discover how they have been a stumbling block to others. Confess sin together as a group to experience forgiveness.*

Consider the nature of your group. You might need to break into groups of guys and girls or smaller groups to the purpose of transparency and anonymity.

### ICE BREAKER



Are you a fan of fail shows and/or videos? What's one of your favorite "fail" moments that you've witnessed?

### TEXT



*Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

### Matthew 18:7-9 ESV

<sup>7</sup> Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

<sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



*This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.*

Big Idea: Christians should help build up and not hinder the faith of others.

Key Question: How do we help build up the community of Christ?

1. Don't lead others into sin. (v. 7)
2. Lead by removing your own sin. (vv. 8-9)

## DISCUSSION



- Jesus notes that temptations to sin come through the world. How does the world bring temptation? What are some ways you might have experienced temptation from the world this week?
- While we don't deal with meat sacrificed to idols in our culture (Romans 14), what are some issues that we should be aware of that might cause others to stumble? How should we approach some of these issues in relation to other believers?
- Read James 5:16 to see the value of confessing sins to one another. Have you experienced the beauty of confessing sins to other believers? What sins might God be asking you to confess today so you might experience forgiveness?
- Matthew 18:8-9 reveals the severity and the lengths we should be willing to go to cut the sin out of our life. What does Jesus say is the consequence if we don't model our lives with what is described? *Brainstorm* drastic measures you can take to remove the cause of sin from your life.
- Christ's ultimate work on the cross has put death to sin! How does Jesus' work on our behalf encourage you? How can you build one another up with this reality in mind?

## LIFE APPLICATION



*Today we discussed how we should build up the community of Christ through our help and confession. Reflect upon the work of Christ and the forgiveness of sins He can and will provide. As a group, try confessing your sin to each other and remind each other of the work of Christ to forgive your sins. Hold each other accountable through the week based on what was shared today.*

*Write the names of those who will pray for below and create a plan to follow-up with them to encourage them through the week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS




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