

HOME GROUP

Leader Guide



FIGHT CLUB

BRAWLER

APRIL 5, 2015



SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

NEW ONLINE GIVING

OneLife has a new online giving platform which is much faster and allows you to log in and make changes or see your giving history! If you had automated giving in the past, make sure you sign up for the new online giving soon that you don't miss a beat! This is a great new way to give back!

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

If you were unable to make it to the interest meeting for the mission trip to Dominican Republic, please contact dylan@onelifeknox.com for more information and to express your interest.

KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:

ROMANS 5:7-9 (NLT)

⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

1. **What is the silliest thing you've fought with someone about? When it comes to arguing, what type of fighter are you – an avoider, passive aggressive, hyper calm, hyper loud, or something else? A quick word of caution, have fun with this question – don't share ongoing or series arguments to avoid gossip.**

This question establishes that we are all fighters. We have all experienced that feeling, like the sermon described, of wanting to fight/argue because something has been taken!

A quick reminder, squash any attempts to let this answer become gossip.

2. **Read Romans 5:7-9. How did God prove his love for us? What do you think is the difference between fighting *in* your relationships and fighting *for* your relationships? Give some examples of what it means to fight *for* your relationship. Does this mean tough love, picking your battles, holding your tongue, all of the above or something else?**

Come ready to provide an example of this from your own experience.

The goal of this question isn't to establish a one-size-fits all approach to fighting for your relationship, because after all, each situation and each relationship is different. The principle is that we can model Jesus – he fought FOR us, when we deserved for him to fight against us! As a result, there is a strong relationship instead of a broken relationship.

Check out this principle in other parts of scripture as a group:

- Romans 12:18
- Ephesians 4:32
- Matthew 18:15-16 – Discuss how following this order helps you fight *for* the relationship... When you don't follow Matthew 18, how does that end up damaging the relationship?

- 3. Read Matthew 22:34-40. What does Jesus say is the second most important commandment of all time? How does Jesus summarize these two very important commandments in v. 40? Everything else hinges on getting these two things right in life. Jesus sacrificed his life to win a relationship with us, what are some examples of how we can/should sacrifice in order to win the relationship, instead of the fight – in other words, what parts of you must die for the relationship to win?**

Remember the definition of sacrifice that we use a lot of the time:

“Sacrifice is giving up something that you love (getting even, or getting back what was stolen, or being right) for something that you love even more (the relationship). This is exactly what Jesus modeled when he gave up something that he loved (his own life) for something that he loved even more (doing the Father’s will; pleasing the Father).

- 4. Jesus didn’t fight just so we could hold a set of beliefs or so that all of our plans could succeed. How has Jesus fighting *for* you changed how you fight *for* other people? Outside of the topic of arguments, how can you fight for other people – give some examples? If more people lived this way, how would the world be a different place? What can you do differently that will make a difference in those around you?**

END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)