



Resolving Everyday Conflict - Discussion Guide
Session 2: Find the Power to Heal
Passage: Colossians 3:12-17

Introduction: In this second session we will wrestle with the hard truth that simply knowing the right thing to do will never enable us to do it. Instead, this passage reveals that our ability to honor God and pursue peace in our relationships does not come from trusting in biblical principles but from the power of the Gospel in our lives.



Into the Word

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (v. 16)

What aspects of the passage stood out to you the most? Why do the commands of Scripture tend to catch our attention? **(pg. 25)**

Read Romans 7:7-8 How do our sinful hearts respond to the commands of Scripture? If we are unable to keep God’s Law what is it’s purpose? **(pg. 25)**

Note: God has give us His Law - That we may know the holy nature of God, and the sinful nature of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. (NCC, Q15)

Resource: [How Should Christian’s Use God’s Law](#)

How would you describe the Gospel message in your own words? How does this passage expand our understanding of the Gospel? **(pg. 27)**

Note: Notice Paul’s emphasis on forgiveness, identity, and kingdom.

How does Paul describe the Gospel’s affect on our lives? (v. 15-17)

Note: Notice Paul’s emphasis on thanksgiving. **(pg. 33)**

Consider: Colossians 2:6-7



Into the Heart

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (v. 15)

How can we place our trust in biblical principles or communication techniques?

What are the consequences of this?

Consider: Colossians 2:23

Which aspect of the Gospel message are you the most thankful for? **(pg. 28-30)**



Into the World

“as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (v. 13)

When have you discovered the limit of biblical principles or communication techniques in your relationships? **(pg. 23)**

How might dwelling on the Gospel message motivate you in the midst of a conflict?