



Resolving Everyday Conflict - Discussion Guide
Session 3: Fight, Flee, or Pursue Peace?
Passage: 1 Samuel 24

Introduction: In this third session we will explore how we respond when we experience conflict in our relationships: fight, flee, or pursue peace. Working toward peaceful solutions does not come naturally to our sin nature. Rather, this passage illustrates what pursuing peace might look like as we rely on the power of the Gospel.



Into the Word

Where in this passage do you see an escape response to conflict? What were the consequences of responding to the conflict in this way? **(pg. 38)**

Note: Escape responses include: denial or flight

Consider: 1 Samuel 26:1-2

Where in this passage do you see an attack response to conflict? What were the consequences of responding to the conflict in this way? **(pg. 39)**

Note: Attack responses include: blame or assault

Why was David convicted after he cut Saul's royal robe? (v. 5-7) What does this reveal about David's approach to this conflict?

Note: Saul was chosen to be King. Rebellion against Saul meant rebellion against God.

Consider: Romans 12:19; 1 Peter

How does David pursue peace in this passage? How does this point to Christ?

Consider: 1 Peter 2:23

Note: Review the 4 G's of Pursuing Peace **(pg. 43)**



Into the Heart

How do you tend to respond to conflict? Escape? Attack? Both? What can our response reveal about what our heart's really desire in those moments?

Note: Inordinate desires for control, comfort, power, pleasure, etc.

Do you tend to see conflict as a problem to avoid, an obstacle to conquer, or an opportunity to do good? How does our view of conflict shape how we respond? **(pg. 41)**

Consider: James 1:2-4



Into the World

How has your response changed the dynamics of a recent conflict in your life?

How might pursuing peace change the course of this conflict?

Additional Resources:

