

notes.



FIGHTING EACH OTHER

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Why We Fight

Genesis 1:27; 3:6; James 4:1-2

- **Fuel: My Desires First**

- **Spark: Unmet Desires**

Doing Your Part

Genesis 3:9-12, James 4:3, 1 Corinthians 13:5

- **Extinguisher: God's Desires First**

- **Defensible Space: Quick Forgiveness**

Growth Group Homework - October 13, 2019

Warm-Up

1. Are you the type of person who deletes and throws stuff away, or do you keep stuff from the past? Explain.
2. Ethan shared how we all have certain tendencies when we are in conflict: yelling, harsh words, closed off, passive-aggressive, etc. What was your family's tendency growing up? Can you see any of this in yourself?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. It is common to blame relational conflict on our circumstances or other people. Read the following passages, and in your own words, summarize what they reveal about conflict.

James 4:1

Ecclesiastes 9:3

Matthew 15:19

- Has there been a time when you experienced what these verses are talking about? Explain.

5. Read Ephesians 4:22-32 a few times, maybe in different translations. What instructions are given for how Christians are to live? What are the reasons for these instructions?
 - What are some of the attitudes, thoughts, and practices in this passage that would help prevent or resolve a fight?
 - Have you ever tried any of these or seen them done? What was the situation and what was the outcome?
 6. Both asking for forgiveness and extending forgiveness are very difficult. What stands out to you in the following verses?

Matthew 5:23-24

Matthew 18:15

 - When was the last time you asked for forgiveness or forgave someone who asked you? What impact did that have on the relationship?
- ### **Take It Home**
7. Is there a relationship that you need to clear up? Is there someone you need to ask forgiveness from or extend forgiveness to?