



Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: peaceFULL – Overcoming Relational Conflict

Sermon Title: Part 2 – Get the Log Out of Your Eye

Sermon Date: 5-5-19

Gospel Gain: In the face of conflict, Jesus tells us to remove the beam before we check the speck.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

Describe what a peaceful relationship looks like.

What is so appealing about the image and reality of a peaceful and healthy relationship?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we will see how God wants us to become peacemakers in our relationships. In today's study, we will learn how to address the log in our own eye prior to dealing with the speck in someone else's eye.

Read: *Matthew 7:3-5 - Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

What things might fit into the category of beams in our own eyes that need to be examined?

What are the contributing factors to not noticing these beams in our own eyes?

Why do you think we have a tendency to focus on the speck in someone else's eyes prior to looking at our own issues?

How would you define a hypocrite?

How is Jesus applying this concept of a hypocrite in this context?

What principle is Jesus trying to address in this passage?

How would this principle be important to developing and maintaining healthy relationships?

Can you share an example when you have seen this principle lived out in real life?

Read: James 4:1-3 - *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

What are some of things that can be the root cause of quarrels and fights among people?

What passions may create internal wars within a person?

What does this passage identify as possible factors?

How might those internal battles impact external relationships, negatively and/or positively?

What are some biblical examples that might illustrate unhealthy relational conflict?

Read: Matthew 15:18-19 - *But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.*

The mouth reveals what is going on in the heart of a person. Talk about the items listed in this passage and their impact on relational health.

According to this passage, why would it be critical to prepare your own heart before talking to someone else about the speck in their eye?

What do you think it means to “speak the truth in love” to someone who has a speck in their eye?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

Are you facing a relational conflict? If so, how can this group pray for you.

Is there a principle from this study that you hope to apply to that situation?

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.