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FACILITATORS GUIDE

Meeting # 4: *Chapter 3 - Conflict Resolution*

AGENDA: (Suggested times)

5:45 *Arrive early enough to greet folks as they arrive.*
Arrange furniture for meeting. (Everyone should be able to see the others faces.)
Find TV and video/DVD player. Cue up DVD or VHS for opening of meeting.

6:00 *Participants arrive* - introduce each person as they arrive to someone else.
If this is a new group hand out name tags, and have people sign-in on a sheet.
Encourage soft drinks, coffee, cookies or snacks.
Kids off to childcare if necessary.
Greet any new additions to group and introduce them to someone else in the group.

6:10 *Settle into group, PRAY*

MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TONIGHT:

Conflict is a normal part of life. How we manage these challenges to the status quo either grows our friendships or harms them. From God's perspective, He wants us to grow in our ability to trust Him with everything. This includes our relationships with friends, family, spouse, kids, and co-workers. Conflict management/resolution is one of the key skills that every person must learn if they are to love well.

6:15 *Conversation Starter – Ask:*

- Is it possible that God allows (or designs) challenging relational situations to happen to cause us to see our inadequacy apart from His intervention? How so?

Watch: Video Clip from Henry Cloud – The Four Predictors of Divorce

<http://www.cloudtownsend.com/video-advice/channel/Relationships/CCNT2156/>

Ask: “These four signs of relational trauma can be present in any relationship. How have you experienced these traits in your relationships?”

6:35 *Outline of Tonight's Meeting:*

Discuss overall content:

- What impacted you the most from Steps 1-4 (W-I-S-D)?
 - Scripture – Pick one passage that personally spoke to you and emphasis it each week. Relate it to life and the study.
 - Book Chapter 3?
 - Any insights from Step 4 (your response)?

6:50 *Group Study: Discuss Step 5 (O).*

Read the questions and encourage participation by everyone.

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7:45 *Have group complete Step 6 (M).*

7:56 Take time to pray for the individuals and couples in your group.

8: 00 We are done, but please stick around for a few minutes if you can and get to know someone better.

Record any significant comments, questions, prayer requests, follow-up here:

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