

WEEK 6: LET LOVE COVER CONFLICT NOT “CUT DISCOMFORT OUT OF YOUR LIFE.”

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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MAIN POINT

The clichés about cutting people out of your life, even a spouse, who do not serve your life goals are common. God uses marriage to make us uncomfortable, so we can cut the sin out of our life—not the people we have committed to. The book of Proverbs is raw about the reality of conflict in relationships and honest about how damaging and frustrating they can be. Passages like “better to live on the corner of the roof than with a nagging wife” (Proverbs 25:24) and “Better a dry crust with peace than a house full of feasting with strife” (Proverbs 17:1). Those Proverbs were given as warnings to young men about being sure they pursued someone of character, before they were married. After marriage, even with two amazing people, the reality is that there will be conflicts. You can stir them up or you can cover them up. Love covers them, hatred stirs them. Let love cover the conflict by remembering that God has covered all of your sin with His love.

LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

When tension is high, are you more likely to laugh to lighten the mood or stay serious until it’s resolved?

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD’S WORD

Read Proverbs 10:12

| Hatred stirs up conflicts, but love covers all offenses.

According to Proverbs 10:12, what is the difference between love and hatred in how they deal with conflict?

What does it look like for hatred to “stir up conflicts”?

What does it look like for love to “cover all offenses”?

**LOOK OUT
IDENTIFY THE
RELEVANCE OF
GOD’S WORD IN
THE WORLD**

Many cultural voices encourage us to “cut people out” if they make life uncomfortable. How do you see this mindset shaping relationships today?

How does a biblical view of love and conflict provide an alternative to the consumer-style relationships we see around us?

Social media often fuels public arguments and drama. How does Proverbs 10:12 challenge that approach?

**LOOK IN
APPLY GOD’S
WORD TO YOUR
LIFE**

How has God’s covering of your sin in Christ encouraged you to extend grace in conflict?

What practical steps can you take to let love—not pride, anger, or resentment—shape your response to disagreements?

Think of a current or recent conflict you’ve had: what would it look like to let love cover it instead of fueling it?