

Love Killers

4 Signs Your Marriage Is in Trouble



Message Summary

Every couple fights, and *how* you fight matters. If you're fighting to win, you've already lost.

4 Predictors of Relational Failure

- Criticism
- Contempt
- Defensiveness
- Stonewalling

Key Scripture

... *Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.* James 1:19-20 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV
- Colossians 3:13 NIV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the silliest argument you've ever had?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- How did you think about relational conflict before this message? How did this message influence the way you think or feel about conflict?
- Read **James 1:19-20**. How does a person become quick to listen and slow to anger? How can you model this behavior?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Review the four predictors of relational failure. Which one do you resonate with the most? How can you proactively work against that temptation the next time you're in a conflict?
- If you have unresolved conflict, you've given the enemy a piece of your marriage or relationship. How will you take back your relationship? What conversations do you need to have? Spend time praying over the relationships in your group.

Start Praying

Heavenly Father, thank You for all the ways You've forgiven us. We choose to offer that same forgiveness to the people in our lives. Help us to fight well and in a way that honors You and each other. Show us how we can be quick to listen and slow to anger in every situation. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- There's a difference between resolving a conflict and releasing a hurt. Spend time in prayer and choose to forgive any lingering hurts you've been carrying.
- Start the Bible Plan *3 Tips for Better Relationships* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/love
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.