

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. What destructive games do you play in your closest relationships?
2. What does a win look like for you in marriage, dating and/or life?
3. Describe when trouble in a relationship became the springboard to you finding your treasure?

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“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)

- THE BLAME GAME
- HIDE AND SEEK
- KICK THE CAN

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

1. FACE THE TROUBLE WITH TRUTH

“As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ...”

Ephesians 4:14,15 (NASB)

“If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:6-8 (NIV)

2. FIGHT FOR RELATIONAL UNITY NOT FOR PERSONAL VICTORY

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.”
Ephesians 4:26,27 (NIV)

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”
Ephesians 4:31 (NIV)

3. BE WILLING TO DIE A LITTLE IN ORDER TO LIVE A LOT

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”
Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”
Philippians 2:3,4 (NIV)

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”
James 1:22 (NIV)

“They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.”
Ephesians 4:18,19 (NIV)

4. MAKE ROOM FOR HOPE

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit—the Father will send Him in My name—will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”
John 14:26 (HCSB)