

PILGRIM HOME GROUPS

The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH/SMALL GROUP/CLASS GUIDE

1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and have sentence prayers (short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end of the gathering time
4. Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? Discuss some of the questions as a group.
7. End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests.
Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

QUESTIONS FOR HOME GROUP: MAY 20, 2018

1. Reread key passages: Matthew 7.1-5, Luke 6.36-42 Have you considered these important before? Why or why not? How do they differ from what seems "normal" in your work, family or church experiences?
2. What do you think about overlooking an offense? When have you overlooked an offense, only to find that your way of treating the other person HAS indeed changed - therefore you didn't really "overlook" it?
3. When you are hurt by someone what is your first response?
4. Defining what you're actually in conflict about WITH the other person is important to stewarding conflicts well. Talk about what could be potential "material" and "personal" aspects of conflicts in your life?
5. Many of us default to "peace-faking" or "peace-braking", a type of flight or fight response. What is your default? Why is it so hard to move to the middle of attempting "peace-making" do you think?
6. What other thoughts do you have about the teaching this Sunday?

Homework: What are you brewing or lingering conflicts you need to name before God to get strength and wisdom to take the next step as Jesus would teach?

May 20, 2018

CBC

PILGRIM CHURCH communication basics *for* christians

A Different Result

Three Sundays of Communication Basics for Christians -Skills and Knowledge.
No. 1 Spiritual Power of Words/Foundations about words
No. 2 A Different Result
No. 3 Life, Blessing and Creative Speaking

KEY VERSES: Matthew 7:1-5, Luke 6:36-42

In dealing with conflict, there are four "Gs" to understand how believers can approach this.

- + Glorify God, 1 Corinthians 10:21
- + Get the Log Out of Your Eye, Matthew 7:55
- + Gently Restore, Galatians 6:1
- + Go and Be Reconciled, Matthew 5:24

Getting the Log Out is _____

How can I show Jesus' work in me by taking responsibility for MY contribution to this conflict?

A preliminary step is to ask: _____

+ Key question to ask

+ If you've let it simmer, you now have an idol in your heart. Idols demand sacrifices of others when they do not meet our demands and expectations. The idol demands the other person must suffer.

+ Punishment takes many forms...lashing out, hurtful words, violence, "icing", withholding, abandoning...

GET THE LOG OUT

+ **First:** Examine _____

This does not mean we are forbidden to _____, but that

we need to learn to act in _____. This is NOT modeled in our culture at all.

Two aspects of understanding your role in conflict:

+ You may have an overly sensitive _____

+ You may have contributed to the conflict by _____

+ **Second:** Define _____

-Material Issues

-Personal Issues

These issues are resolved either by:

_____ the offense

Through _____, loving correction and forgiveness

When material and personal issues combine you have to start with the personal issues.

+ Don't drag in more _____

+ Sort through what has already been on the surface

+ Try to agree on the primary _____ issue

+ Then identify the primary _____ issue

This helps us figure out what is worth fighting through and what is not.

OVERLOOKING MINOR OFFENSES

Proverbs 19:11, 12:16, 15:18, 20:3, 17:14, 1 Peter 4:8, Ps. 103:8-10

This a vital skill for a church that is _____.

WHEN TO OVERLOOK

+ The offense has not created a wall between you and the other

+ The offense is not causing serious harm to God, others or the offender

CHECKING ATTITUDES

Phil 4.4-9

COUNT THE COST

What about rights?

Summary and take outs