



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024 | WINNING & LOSING

## WARM-UP QUESTION

Review [Matthew 18:15-17](#). What are the 3 steps of church discipline that we discussed last week?

## DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [1 Corinthians 6:1-8](#) - (Read it in [The Message](#) for a different perspective.)

- Is there anything in this passage that is surprising to you?
- What is Paul saying in this passage? What are some words, phrases, or themes that stand out to you?
- Paul talks about people taking each other to court. Today, court can look like a variety of things. It could be court in the streets where a fight takes place. The courts of Facebook where people battle in the comment section. It could even be the courts of a private room where people are gossiping about their boss. Where do you hold court?
- What areas of influence do you have in your life (gym, work, school, etc.)? What can you do this week to show up in these spaces in a more Christ-like way?
- Jesus was willing to die on a cross so our sins would be forgiven and we could live free. Are you willing to lose if it means Jesus wins? What might this practically look like in your life?

Read [Matthew 5:38-42](#)

- What does God teach us about revenge and our response to revenge?
- How is this different than how the world would respond to revenge?
- Think of a time you handled conflict poorly. What happened? What would you go back and change?
- Think of a time you saw conflict handled well. What was it about the person or situation that led to restoration over revenge?

Read [1 Peter 2:23](#)

- Jesus models a holy response in the midst of suffering. How do you respond when you're insulted? When you mess up? When someone asks you for something?
- Where else in the Bible do we see Jesus handle conflict with grace?
- What would bring God glory, unite the church and draw people closer to Jesus? What part is God asking you to play in this?



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## RESPOND

- Ask God to highlight any conflict in your life that needs to be resolved. How can you reflect Jesus and lead the way to restoration?
- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.