



## Closer: Relationships Both Near and Far

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### Week 3: Right Fight

**What we want students to learn:** Be caught fighting the right fight.

**What we want students to do with what they've learned:** Hand over our fights to God, trusting Him to help us fight His way.

**Large Group Message Focus:** 1 Corinthians 3:5 and Matthew 5:40-41

**Scripture Focus:** Job 12:13 and Romans 8:37-39

### The Main Point

Welcome to the final night of these series as well as the final Wednesday before FUSION 2018. Tonight, we will be talking about the relationships that are both near and dear to us. Often times with these close relationships, tensions rise and it can be easy to pick a fight. Tonight, we want to encourage students to have strength during hard fights and keep God with them through those hard times. Ultimately, we want to help students fight where God is fighting, not wasting time on problems that won't matter down the road.

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### INTRODUCTION

Read the following riddle to your students.

**"I have keys but no locks. I have a space but no room. You can enter, but can't go outside. What am I?"**

Answer: Keyboard. Most everyone will overthink this riddle. Just like we overthink this riddle, we overthink and waste time on certain issues we face in life, giving them more time and space than they deserve.

PRAY that your students learn from tonight's lesson and that they use it in their daily lives. Pray that this lesson grows their relationship with God and that they help others to grow their relationship with God.

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### LESSON

We can all agree that we can get aggravated with strangers and even people we love. When tensions rise, fights become the norm. Now, these, more often than not, are not physical fist fights. But, we sure do know how to fight with our words.

- **What are some of your pet peeves?**
- **Are there any people you tend to fight with more easily than others?**
  - *Ex: Siblings, classmates, etc.*
- **Why do you think we get in fights?**
- **If God was to get in a fight, what do you think it would be about?**

- *We often fight because things didn't go our way or we don't agree with what someone did. However, God is not fighting those battles. God is fighting for more people to know Him and for you to know more of Him.*

So, what do we do about a problem that seems so real and prevalent to us? Have your students read Job 12:13 (NIV), which says "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his."

- **What belongs to God in that verse?**
  - *Wisdom and power*
- **Since these things belong to God, how can God help you in these "fights"?**
- **Why do we worry about things that God can handle and/or things that won't matter later in our lives?**
  - *We overthink the situation or think we can handle it ourselves.*
- **How can you start letting God take care of the situations that you need to let go of entirely?**
  - *Pray, read scriptures that help put your mind at ease, ask your small group leader how they handle it, etc.*

As we continue to engage in these fights, we create division between us and the people we love when we don't seek any reconciliation. Often our biggest fears can include relationships breaking apart because of this. But, is this possible with God? Does he make space between us in Him when we disagree with Him or get in a disagreement with our friends and peers? Have your students read Romans 8:37-39.

- **What separates you from God's love?**
  - *Nothing!!*
- **How can you conquer your hard fights?**
  - *By letting God take control, creating space to breath for a moment, determining not to yell, etc.*
- **How can you turn a fight into an opportunity to show Jesus to that person?**

## LIFE APPLICATION

Not every fight is our fight, so we need to be caught fighting the right fights. In other words, we need to be fighting where God is fighting.

- **How will you stop fighting the wrong fights?**
  - *Don't overthink the situation, focus on God during the hard times, remind yourself of what you are fighting for, etc.*

## TAKE IT OUT

Close small group out with prayer requests. Pray specifically that your group would choose to fight the right fights.

After prayer, be sure to discuss any final **FUSION** details!