

From Conflict to Companionship

Fall, 2023

Session Six: *Conflict Starts in the Heart*

Introduction:

- Chapter Title and some points from the Fifth chapter in Ken Sande's *The Peacemaker*
- Previously: **Section 1: Glorify God:** Conflicts provide opportunities; Conflicts are an opportunity to experience peace; To obey God in conflicts we need to be able to truly trust Him
 Section 2: Get the Log Out: Last time-- Is This Really Worth Fighting Over?
- Tonight: The Root of Conflict
 - I. A. Very Good _____: Where Does Conflict Come From?
 - a. An important text: James 4:1-3
 - b. Two key words
 - i. Quarrels _____
 - ii. Conflicts _____
 - c. A surprisingly _____ answer
 - i. "your pleasures _____ in your members"
 - ii. "you _____ and do not have so you commit _____"
 - iii. Therefore the root cause of conflict is _____ desires
 - II. The _____ of an Idol
 - a. I _____
 - b. I _____
 - c. I _____
 - d. I _____

- A Question of Worship—Three words of worship

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- _____
- _____

III. The _____ for an Idolatrous Heart

a. “When you find yourself in a conflict, work _____” (Sande, p.111)

- How am I _____ others?
- How am I _____ others?
- What am I _____ to have?
- What is the root _____ of that demand?

Seven X-Ray Questions (See Discussion Guide or Sande, p.105)

b. _____ at the Level of the _____

c. _____ Worship of Idol(s) with Worship of God

i. _____ God

ii. _____ God

iii. _____ God

Seven X-Ray Questions

1. What am I preoccupied with? What is the first thing on my mind in the morning and the last thing on my mind at night?
2. How would I answer the question: “If only __, then I would be happy, fulfilled and secure?”
3. What do I want to preserve or avoid at all costs?
4. Where do I put my trust?
5. What do I fear?
6. When a certain desire is not met, do I feel frustration, anxiety, resentment, bitterness, anger, or depression?
7. Is there something I desire so much that I am willing to sin in order to have it, or I find myself sinning when I don't get it?