



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Song of Solomon: WEEK 7 – How to Fight  
February 25-28, 2021

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## LEADER NOTES

**SAVE THE DATE Coach and Leader Gathering** – Monday May 10 at All Campuses  
More information and a link to RSVP will be coming towards the end of March.

**Updating a DG Roster – Click here** to watch a short video on how to add people to your disciple group roster. If you need to make room for #onemore person to join your group, **click here** for a short video.

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Fasting & Hour of Prayer | Every Wednesday from February 17 through March 31**

As a church, during Lent we will fast from food on Wednesdays from sunup to sundown. All campuses will be open each Wednesday from 12-1pm for prayer. Learn more at [coe22.com/easter](https://coe22.com/easter).

### **Care Team Orientation | March 1 at 7PM | All Campuses**

Our care team members pray for, walk beside and share faith with others. Orientation is an opportunity for you to learn how to become a member of the care team. Classes will take place at all Eleven22 campuses and online for those outside of the Jacksonville area. Learn more and register at [coe22.com/events](https://coe22.com/events).

### **Local Outreach | Ongoing & Single-event Opportunities | Be Sent**

Disciple groups are groups of disciples sent into communities all over northeast Florida. To find a local partner for your group to be sent into and serve visit [coe22.com/localoutreach](https://coe22.com/localoutreach).

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## **THIS WEEK' S READING PLAN: [coe22.com/readingplan](https://coe22.com/readingplan)**

Sunday – Song of Solomon 5:2-6:13

Monday – Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-32; 1 Peter 3:1-7; Philippians 2:1-4

Tuesday – James 4:1-12, 1:19-27; 3:1-12

Wednesday – Proverbs 10:19; 15:18, 28; 16:32; 17:14; 18:1-2, 21

Thursday – Luke 6:41-45; Ephesians 5:1-4; Galatians 5:16-26; Colossians 3:12-19

Friday – Matthew 6:12-15; Mark 11:25-26; Luke 6:37-38

Saturday – Matthew 18:15-35; 5:21-26; Luke 17:3-4

## RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE:** *(Learn about, encourage and pray for one another)*

- In what ways has the Lord used the Song of Solomon series to impact your relationships?
  - What was the best part of your week?
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## Song of Solomon – How to Fight

**The Point:** When in conflict with your spouse, you can either be right or be married.

SERMON TEXTS: Song of Solomon 5:2 - 6:13

### Discussion Questions

#### DISCOVER

Ask the group to take turns reading Song of Solomon 5:2-6:13 out loud.

**1. How was conflict handled in your childhood home?** *(Our home is the number one source for developing our communication skills. The good news is that we are not stuck. Along with Joby's sermon and our study, there are many good resources available for learning new communication skills.)*

**2. Is conflict inside of marriage more difficult, or easier, than conflict in other relationships? Why is this?** *(1. Our spouse is our most intimate relationship and where we are most vulnerable. This is our best friend, lover, partner, confidant. We want their love and approval. We may perceive that a conflict threatens our intimacy. 2. Selfishness - We want what we want.*

**3.** *We may have limited conflict resolution skills, so conflicts rarely work out well.)*

**3. As Pastor Joby mentioned in his sermon, "No one who gets married is move-in ready. We are all fixer uppers." (See verse 5:9.) What would happen if we listened to the advice of lousy friends or our own selfishness? What does Scripture teach us about how to handle conflict when we are in a covenant?** *(Note: The moment in our mind we move from listening to understand our spouse to talking to win an argument, we move from covenant language to a contractual dispute.)*

#### DEEPEN

Read Luke 23:32-38.

**4. When we sin, we are in conflict with the Lord. What does this teaching and example from Jesus offer us regarding conflict, contracts and covenants?**

*(The Gospel changes everything, including how we have conflict. As Joby said, we can be right, or we can be married. Jesus chose forgiveness and mercy rather than being right and judgmental. It's easy for conflict to quickly become a win/lose contractual situation. Arrogance and unforgiveness will destroy a marriage. Unresolved conflict leads to bitterness, unresolved bitterness leads to resentment and unresolved resentment leads to relationship destruction. Learning to resolve conflict, to love as Christ loved us, is vital for having a healthy lifelong marriage.)*

**5. Review your SOS Journal on pages 65 & 66 as it impacts both the married and unmarried. How have your words brought life or death into your marriage and other relationships? (Answers may vary.)**

Conclusion and Prayer: Read Psalm 103: 8-12

8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
9 He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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## ACTION STEP

1. Spend time this week praying through the items listed on page 64 of the journal. What skeletons need to be pulled out of your "conflict closet" and surrendered Jesus? Take what the Lord shows you through this time to pull out the planks, put down the rocks and GO reconcile a relationship – apologize and repent.

2. If you struggle with judging yourself, other people or your spouse, find a small rock and keep it in your pocket to remind you to not cast the first stone. God's covenant grace removes all transgressions.

