



THE RELATIONAL DISCIPLE

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Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Do not fight with each other.

Read: Certainly followers of Jesus don't fight with one another, as we are all on the same page aren't we and desiring the same thing. Jesus prays that we will be one with Him and His Father, but this is a oneness of the Spirit, and not from our ability to be one. If we are all walking in the Spirit, then there is no opposition, and because there is no opposition, there is no room for fighting.

Unfortunately, many followers don't walk in the Spirit and live their lives in the Spirit, so there ends up being in-house fighting. Followers fighting for authority, position, titles, places of honour, wanting to be seen and heard. We fight for what we believe we deserve and what is right, and along the way we cause offence and division in His body. Of course very few realise this is what they are doing because they are of course right and everyone else is wrong.

Unfortunately, there are many orphans in the body of Christ, who although are sons from God's perspective, don't live as sons and so end up fighting with other orphans for what they can get.

God warns us about this in Galatians 5:13-14, where He teaches us that with our freedom, we are not to bite and devour one another and be consumed by one another. He says we are to love one another which is the complete opposite. God gives us freedom and He gives us this freedom the day we receive Him as Lord and Saviour. If we don't mature in the Spirit, then we will stay immature spiritually, and continue to fight, bite and devour one another. This is the complete opposite of who we have been called and chosen to be.

Questions:

1. Why is fighting with one another so destructive in the body of Christ?
2. Why do followers fight with one another, when we are called to love one another?
3. What would you say are the root causes of why followers fight with one another?
4. The orphan spirit which fights for everything, is a well known spirit in the body of Christ. How does one go from the behaviour of an orphan to the behaviour of a son?
5. What heart posture do we require all the time so we don't fall into this position of lack?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.