



## GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Conflict

Song of Solomon 5:2-6:13  
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**Continuing our series “Biblical Romance” based on the Song of Solomon, this week we focus on how to handle the inevitable conflicts in marriage.**

1. Think of a time when you had a conflict with your spouse or a close friend over an issue that, in retrospect, was actually insignificant. What was the result of this conflict?
2. In chapters 5 and 6 of Song of Solomon we read about a conflict between the husband and the wife. How does the husband react to the conflict (5:2-6, 6:4-10)? How does the wife react to the conflict (5:7-6:2, 11-12)?
3. When you face a conflict, do you more often avoid it or confront it? How can your response affect the other person?
4. Pastor Jesse noted that resolving a conflict is extremely difficult until you begin to consider your spouse as more important than yourself. The Bible calls us to a life of service and humility. Why is it important to always pursue reconciliation in conflict? What can happen if you don't?
5. Watch the RightNow Media video “The Mingling of Souls” by Matt Chandler, session 7 at 10:50-14:31 in the River City Library. Almost all conflict comes from unmet expectations. How have you seen this in your own marriage or other relationships?
6. Watch the RightNow Media video “The Mingling of Souls” by Matt Chandler, session 8 at 5:35-9:23 in the River City Library. The ultimate goal of conflict resolution is reconciliation and understanding. What can you do to initiate reconciliation early and often when conflict arises?
7. Spend some time praying for one another about this lifelong issue, that each person would learn to respond to conflict in their relationships in a positive manner.



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**MESSAGE NOTES**

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

**The dangers of reacting:**

1. When we are angry, it's difficult not to sin.
2. You can lose perspective.
3. You can lose the concept of oneness.

**The benefits of responding:**

1. Preserves the oneness of the relationship.
2. Allows God to work on your spouse instead of you working on your spouse.
3. Keeps things in perspective.

**Final thoughts:**

1. You need to learn how to respond not react.
2. Keep the conflict between the two of you.
3. Actively pursue oneness in your marriage.
4. Don't be historical.
5. Never yell in marriage.
6. Initiate reconciliation early and often.

**WHAT IS GOD ASKING ME TO DO?**