

# Get in the Game:

## FIGHT ON!

### **Fight the good fight of faith... 1 Timothy 6:12 NAS**

1. Fighting the good fight means I have to correctly identify my opponent.

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 NAS*

“People are never the enemy, just the enemies tool.”

**DISCUSSION:** What are some of the things you have been fighting that you know are not the real enemy? Why have you focused on them instead of the real problem?

2. Fighting the good fight means we choose to not fight each other.

*Live in peace with one another. 1 Thessalonians 5:13 NAS*

*Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. Matthew 12:25 ESV*

*If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Romans 12:18 NAS*

**DISCUSSION:** What are some pointless fights that have affected you that were between Christians? (Please don't bash others or use names) What are some things that you need to let go of that you want to fight with other Christians about?

3. Fighting the good fights means we kill the enemy with kindness.

*Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. Romans 12:21 NLT*

We fight evil by...

- a. Loving our enemies

*But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Luke 6:27 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** What are some ways you can show love to your enemies or those that you have issues with? What are things that keep you from showing them love?

b. Blessing our enemies

*Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. 1 Peter 3:9 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** What would you have to change in order to not retaliate and actually bless your "enemies" or those that are tough to get along with?

c. Trusting that God will deal justly with our enemies

*Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. Romans 12:19 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** Do you have trouble trusting that God is just and will judge justly? Why?

**DISCUSSION:** What would it mean for you to fight the good fight in regards to your faith? What are some of the positive things you can do to "fight" for God?

**PRAYER PROJECT:** Spend 5-7 minutes asking God what are some things you should start fighting for as well as some things you need to stop fighting for. Share these with your group.