

# Engaging in Healthy Conflicts in Groups

## Part 4: "Groups that Grow" Small Group Leadership Training Series

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**Conflict. Add it to the list of life's certainties! But surprisingly, conflict is not necessarily bad news.**

When handled well, conflict can usher in change, growth and deeper levels of understanding.

If you have a healthy and open small group, conflict is bound to occur. So, how do you deal with conflict in your small group in a way that fosters growth?

Bill Donahue and Dr. Henry Cloud continue the **Groups That Grow** series on CCN by helping leaders learn how to handle the inevitable conflict that will occur in their groups.

**Engaging in Healthy Conflicts in Groups** provides practical tools to help small groups pastors and volunteer leaders build an atmosphere of reconciliation in small groups — and the church at large.

"Processing conflict in healthy ways is a spiritual formation discipline of sorts. It forces members to lovingly express pain and disappointment while seeking to reconcile differences and build trust," Dr. Cloud says. "When navigated well, conflict resolution can build character and set the stage for an emotionally healthy group."

### Cloud and Donahue will help leaders:

- Identify the root causes of group conflict
- Clarify the biblical ground rules for having a good fight
- Understand the role of the group leader in conflict
- Understand the difference between conflict resolution and reconciliation
- Discover what groups can do when conflicts cannot be resolved
- Help leaders discover that conflicts can actually be healthy for their groups!

### Who Should Attend:

- Senior Pastors
- Small Groups Pastors
- Discipleship Pastors
- Small Group Leaders

**Dr. Henry Cloud** is a clinical psychologist, international speaker, and best selling author. He is the co-host of the nationally broadcast "New Life Live" radio program and author of *Changes That Heal*. With Dr. Townsend, he co-authored the best selling *Boundaries* series, *How People Grow*, *Safe People*, and *What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do* and many others!

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