

FIGHT CLUBS

If you belong to Jesus, you are his disciple. You are in the midst of a war in which he has commanded you to fight – to fight against sin, Satan, and the powers of hell; to fight for truth, joy, and life in others. Fight Clubs are one way we get in the fight together.

You will get serious about God's Word and consume it like it's food. You will stop isolating and instead use the brothers and sisters God has united you to in Christ. You will be uncomfortably honest with your struggles because you hate sin and love Jesus. You will allow others into your brokenness because it pushes you to depend on the gospel. You will hammer the grace of God into your heart until it determines who you are. You will pray for those who don't love Jesus and see God save them as you purposefully weave them into your life and mission. You will see God's Spirit transform you and your friends, even when you fail in all of this.

Jesus fought, died, and rose to destroy the enemies that are killing you, and he's calling you to join the fight.

"FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH"

1 Timothy 6:12

RULES

Fight Clubs are for those willing to fight. Start with people who are desperate and committed to the process. Fight Clubs multiply. 2-3 people per group, same gender. When a fourth joins, the group splits. Fight Clubs are simple. There is no leader. Meet once a week for an hour and do 3 things:

1.FIGHT FOR TRUTH

Read the Bible during the week. Decide together to use a reading plan, rotate who chooses a book of the Bible, or read the book being preaching on Sundays. If one person doesn't finish, everyone re-reads and trusts that God has more to show.

2.FIGHT YOUR SIN

Sin stems from unbelief in who God is and what he has done. Confess this sin and unbelief to each other. Use the guide on the back. Remind each other of and celebrate the grace of the gospel. Your Fight Club must be an environment of honesty, confidentiality, and grace.

3.FIGHT FOR OTHERS

Pray for 1-2 friends each who don't love Jesus, both together and each time you read Scripture. Use the guide on the back. Talk about how you will include these people in your life and mission.

FIGHT YOUR SIN

Underlying all our sinful behavior is a failure to believe the truth about God and what he has done for us in the gospel. When we believe a lie about God (head), we love and worship something other than God (heart), which leads us to disobey God (hands). Rehearsing, embracing, and delighting in the truth about God, then, is how we daily fight the good fight of the faith.

- **God is great** – so we don't need to be in control.
- **God is glorious** – so we don't need to fear others.
- **God is good** – so we don't need to be satisfied elsewhere.
- **God is gracious** – so we don't need to prove ourselves.

1. How has control, anxiety, anger, or pride shown up in you this week?
2. How does it reveal what you have loved more than God?
3. How has this led you to disobey God?
4. What lie about God is behind this sin?
5. Which of these 4 truths do you most need to embrace? How can it free you from your sin?
6. How does this week's scripture bring this truth to bear on your life? What are you going to do about it?

FIGHT FOR OTHERS

Write down the names of friends who don't love Jesus, then pray for them.

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1. Father, I pray that you draw • to yourself and that • would seek you.
2. God, prevent Satan from blinding • to the truth of who you are so that • hears and believes the gospel for what it really is.
3. Holy Spirit, I ask you to convict • of his/her sin and need for Christ's redemption.
4. I ask that you give me the opportunity, the courage, and the words to share the truth with •.
5. I pray that • turns from his/her sin, confesses Jesus as King, takes root and grows in faith, and bears much fruit to your glory.

