



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 9 | Upset the Right People
Luke 6:26

Introduction

This week we'll unpack the last of the nine principles from Dr. Henry Cloud's book *9 Things You Simply Must Do To Succeed In Life And Love*. The ninth principle is called: "Upset The Right People".

This principle is liberating as it calls us to do what is right even in the face of those who will be upset, or opposed to our actions. When we are willing to "upset the right people" we are free to make decisions not based on the fear of other people's reactions.

Questions for Study

1. Do you tend to be a "people pleaser"? This is someone who does not like to disappoint others. They often assume more ownership and pressure regarding what others think of them (and their actions) than they should.
2. What is at the root of a "people pleaser"?
3. Turn to Luke 6:26. Why do you think Jesus included this in his list of "woes"? If "all people" speak well of you...what else is likely true?
4. Can you think of a time in your life when your goal or your purpose outweighed the pain (potentially the criticism) it took to achieve that goal? Are you glad you pushed through the pain?
5. What other examples from the Scriptures can you point to where this principle plays out?
6. Read Galatians 1:6-10. What is taking place in this passage? What is the Apostle Paul's bottom line?
7. Read Mark 14:1-9. Where was this woman's focus? What was "most important" to her?
8. What consequences follow the person who isn't willing to upset the right people?
9. What might God want for you and your life that you are missing out on because someone's opinion or the fallout seems too great to confront? What fears keep you in this pattern?
10. What is God saying to you on this topic? How will you respond?