Small Group Guide 2-21-2016

Talk it Fight fair – Married

Who do you think is the biggest cheater in professional sports? Pete Rose, Tom Brady, Ben Johnson, Lance Armstrong, Tonya Harding or someone else? Why do you think they thought it was worth it?

• What’s one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?

• Do a reality check: How would you evaluate the way you and your spouse fight? Do you typically fight fair or unfair? Explain.

• Clint said the keys to fighting fair are found in James 1:19, which says, “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” In which of these three ways do you and your spouse do well when you fight and which do you not?

**Optional Questions:** If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

• Read and discuss James 1:19-20, Proverbs 18:2, Proverbs 21:23, and Ephesians 4:26-27.

• How did your parents handle conflict in their marriage? How has that shaped the way you handle conflict in your own marriage?

• Recall your first fight or one of your early fights as a couple. How has the way you fight changed throughout your marriage?

• What steps can you take to become a better listener in your marriage? If you are a good listener, how has that affected the way you fight with your spouse?

Next Steps:

• What’s one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Daily bible readings

Day 1: Proverbs 18:1-13

Day 2: James 3:1-12

Day 3: James 1:19-27

Day 4: Ephesians 5:21-33

Day 5: Ephesians 4:25-32

Day 6: Romans 12:9-21

Day 7: Matthew 18:21-35

Take steps to fight fair with your spouse this week by reading and talking over the following Bible passages.