



Discussion Guide for “Cultivating Conflict” Pure Imagination Week 1

When faced with conflict, we all tend toward either fight or flight. But neither of these options creates peace. If we want to be the peacemakers God calls us to be, we must learn to cultivate conflict into flourishing community.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Isaiah 2:1-5](#)

[Psalm 122](#)

[Matthew 24:36-44](#)

[Romans 13:11-14](#)

[Colossians 1:15-20](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, [here is a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week’s passage is [Isaiah 2:1-5](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you tend toward fight or flight when it comes to conflict?
2. What in Isaiah’s vision surprised you? Why? (You can reread 2:1-5 if you need a refresher.)
3. Peace is not the absence of conflict. How is conflict necessary for flourishing.
4. Conflict is often accompanied by anger. Anger is a secondary emotion. How do we approach anger in our conflict resolution?
5. Going into this season of Advent, what conflicts do you need to cultivate into community?