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SERMON GUIDE

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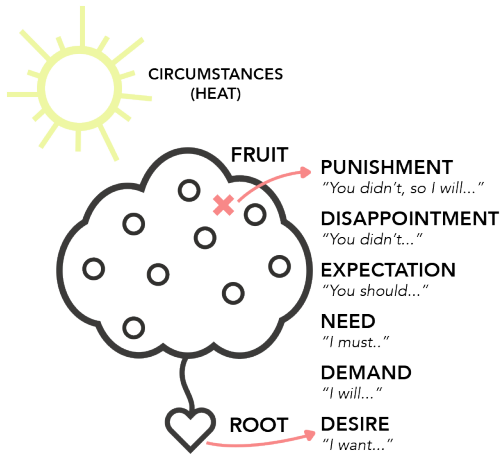
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SERMON NOTES



OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 2, Week 6)
Romans 3:23 (Gospel)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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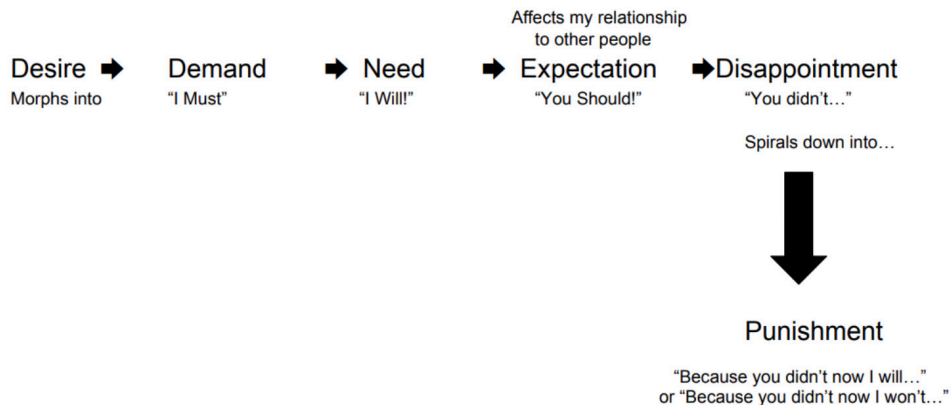
Conversation Questions

Getting to know me: Have you ever been a part of (or witnessed) a prolonged conflict where you can't even remember how it all started?

Note about the passage: James 4:1-10 is an important scripture for understanding our hearts and how they impact our relationships. Though the word "heart" is not used, James does describe what is going on "within you"

Read James 4:1-10

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What fruit (emotions, actions and reactions) is described in verses 1-6?
- O** How would you define "passions/desires at war within you"? Can you think of some examples of conflicting desires that create conflicts in relationships?
- O** How do these "passions at war within" us impact our prayers and our relationship with God?
- O** Why do you think inter-personal relationships are so effective in revealing the root issues in our hearts.
- O** Verses 7-10 describe the process of repentance. What do you observe about this process?
- A** What would it look like to repent like this when you are in the midst of conflict? Try to walk through a recent or current conflict in your mind as you consider this.
- A** This diagram describes how legitimate desires can become demands that eventually destroy relationships. Have you ever seen or experienced this? How would the gospel interrupt this process?



- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him