

LET THE GAMES >> THE HONOR GAME BEGIN

INTRODUCTION

In our relationships, we often play unhealthy games. This study will uncover a new game that has the potential to change everything when it comes to the people in our lives.

USING THIS GUIDE

1. Print a copy of the guide for each member of your group.
 2. Watch the video as a group and use the guide to follow along and take notes.
 3. Complete the discussion questions when prompted by the video.
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PART I

VIDEO NOTES

Change
Guessing
Guilt
Comparison
Assumption

Honor

*I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more **highly** than you ought, but rather think of yourself with **sober judgment**, in accordance with the **faith** God has **distributed** to each of you.*
Romans 12:3

IF EVERYBODY WERE MORE LIKE **ME**, THE WORLD WOULD **NOT** BE A BETTER PLACE.

*For just as **each** of us **has** one **body** with many members, and these **members** do not all have the **same function**, so in Christ we, though **many**, form **one body**, and each member **belongs** to all the others.* Romans 12:4-5

*Love must be **sincere**. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be **devoted** to one another in love. **Honor** one another above yourselves.* Romans 12:9-10

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Five different relationship games were outlined in the message. On your own, match the “games” listed below with the scenarios that follow. Then discuss as a group.

Change Game: Trying to change the other person
Assumption Game: Believing the worst instead of believing the best
Guessing Game: Withholding information expecting the other person to be a mind reader
Guilt Game: Leveraging guilt to get the other person to respond or behave a certain way
Comparison Game: Comparing one person’s behavior to another’s

- **SCENARIO 1:** Katie, a self-admitted health nut, does most of the grocery shopping for her family. She plans healthy dinners every night of the week and monitors how much sugar her kids consume. Her husband, Rob, has a sweet tooth and tends to purchase forbidden treats for the kids and himself. As a result, Katie often criticizes Rob’s poor diet and overall health.
- **SCENARIO 2:** Today is Emily and Joe’s one-year dating anniversary. Emily has wrapped Joe’s gift and is anxiously waiting for him to come over after work. When he does, he’s exhausted and seems to have forgotten the importance of the day. Rather than address the hurt, Emily retreats to her room, despite Joe’s confusion and curiosity.
- **SCENARIO 3:** Karen, a single twenty-something, is looking for a fun girls’ night out. Her roommate, Stephanie, is preparing for tomorrow’s big presentation at work. Karen has been pleading with Stephanie to take the night off. “Please,” she says. “You never spend time with me anymore.”
- **SCENARIO 4:**
Anne and Steve are newlyweds
Anne: “I told you two weeks ago that my car needs an oil change and a tune-up.”
Steve: “Yes, I heard you. Why are you telling me again?”
Anne: “Car maintenance is your responsibility.”
Steve: “It is?”
Anne: “My dad always took care of the service issues for all the family cars.”
- **SCENARIO 5:** Jason and Michelle have been dating for eight months. They are supposed to see a movie tonight, but it’s 7:15 and she hasn’t heard from him. “He’s probably out with that girl from the office,” she thinks to herself.

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2. Which of the relationship games is your tendency when you start feeling disrespected or unloved?
- Change Game
 - Assumption Game
 - Guessing Game
 - Guilt Game
 - Comparison Game
3. Tensley talks about *going first* in the Honor Game. Has there been a time when someone else put you first in your relationship? How did that inspire you or make you feel?
4. In the message, Tensley said, “Waiting to be honored before you honor someone else isn’t honor.” What do you think about that statement?
5. If you’re honest, what prevents you from playing the Honor Game in your relationship(s)?
6. Which of your relationships is currently most in need of more honor and less games?

THIS WEEK . . .

In the message, Tensley said, “The gravitational pull is always toward you.” This week, when the opportunity presents itself, play the Honor Game. You go first and see how things turn out. Come to the next group meeting with thoughts about your experience choosing to be the first one in the relationship to show honor.

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[ROMANS 12:9-11]