
TALK IT OVER

The Cost Of Going Off

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Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of the document.

Message Notes

1. Status doesn't stop suffering
2. Servants always start miracles
3. Simple obedience is strength

Talk It Over: 2 Kings 5:1-4 and 5:9-14

Question 1 Anger reveals itself in many different ways. What do you do when you get angry? (You can keep it light or heavy!)

Question 2 Read Naaman's story in 2 Kings 5:1-4 and 5:9-14, or summarize it in your group. In this story, Naaman was hiding a deeper problem under his anger. What was he hiding, and what did he use to cover it up? How can knowing this story help us to look deeper into anger and discover the root problem either in ourselves or in others?

Question 3 Pastor Madu quoted from the book "Parenting From The Inside Out." What are some hindrances to unprocessed emotions from childhood that may have affected your relationships?

Question 4 Share a time when you were hurt or disappointed that God didn't answer your prayers in the way you hoped. How did you feel? How can your experience give insight on how to deal with angry people?

Question 5 Rather than being humble, why do we make excuses for our anger instead of taking God at his word and obeying him?

Question 6 How is humility demonstrated by the servant in Naaman's story? If we want to have this quality, where do we start?

Question 7 God promises to do amazing things in our lives. We often give up before the miracles happen. How can we keep going while we're in the waiting zones of life?

Question 8 What are some examples of "righteous anger"? How can we turn our anger into a passion to serve?

Question 9 What did Jesus do about those who were angry with him? Ask him to help you develop a strategy to deal with anger.

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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