

## *The Fruit of the Flesh, part 2* Galatians 5:20

Pride is one chief cause of undue anger. It is because men are proud, and exalt themselves in their own hearts, that they are revengeful, and are apt to be excited, and to make great things out of little ones that may be against themselves.

-Jonathan Edwards

### I. Broken Fellowship

## II. Broken Unity

**Take it Deeper:**

1. The sins that Paul identifies in verses 19-21 are common. Sometimes we think that because these things are all around us, that they are just normal responses to life. However, these things are the result of walking in the flesh rather than the spirit. What are some ways that we “normalize” sin? Are there sins that you have come to accept as just a normal part of life? Talking about these things in a group setting might not be comfortable, but it can be very helpful in making real change.
  
2. Do you ever feel helpless in your fight against things like jealousy or anger? What are some practical things that we can do to begin to replace these sins with obedience? Who has God given you to fight the battle with? What are some reasons that we have hope in the fight?

3. Things like anger are ultimately not the result of a situation or the actions of another person. Anger begins in the heart. There are things that we can be righteously angry with, but how do we prevent that righteous anger from producing a sinful response? What truths about who God is and what he has done can help with our anger? How is my faith in those things connected to my response when I get angry?

### **For Families:**

4. Talk with your kids about the hope they have for change. We live with the constant message that “it is what it is,” and “people don’t change.” But through the Holy Spirit, we know that real change can happen.