



**Session 3:
TAKING THE FIELD: HOW TO PRACTICE HOLY CONFERENCING
PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE**

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Video Teaching

Step 1: Describe what each person wants.

1. Feedback: Listen carefully to one another
2. Discover common ground
3. Use “I” Statements and remain neutral

Step 2: Exchange reasons for each position.

1. Win-Win: Share a cooperative intention and emphasize the commitment to reach a mutually desired solution.
2. Use open-ended questions.
3. Healthy conferencing requires the whole group be aware of three things.

Step 3: When God’s solution is revealed.

Example: Consider the story of Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickie.

Step 4: Reach a wise agreement.

The 7th Inning Stretch: A wise agreement meets everyone’s legitimate needs and is considered fair by all parties.

Step 5: See it through to the end.

The Rest of the Game, seeing it through together.



Group Discussion: Life Lessons

- *“Think about when you were a young child, did you ever play a pickup game of baseball, kickball, or some other activity?*
- *What did you use as bases?*
- *What happened if you didn’t have enough players?*
- *Where did you choose to play? How did you settle a disagreement (fight, yell, or “paper, rock, scissors”)?*
- *What life lessons did these informal, unmediated games teach you about interacting with other people?*

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5.3-12):

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

”Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

How do these verses relate to the practice of holy conferencing and being a sweet spot Christian?

Which one do you find the most encouraging and why?

Which one is the most challenging and why?



Closing Prayer:

**I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory,
will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
that makes God known to you.**

**I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light
to see what the hope of God's call is,
what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers,
and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power
that is working among us believers.**

This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. Amen.

Based on Ephesians 1:17-19