

Using this Resource in Your Church

Winning the Real Battle at Church is designed to help church leaders and members avoid destructive conflict in their congregations. This book is based on the premise that a biblical understanding of church life and peacemaking enables congregations to develop a shared perspective on conflict that will greatly reduce or eliminate its destructive effects. *Winning the Real Battle at Church* seeks to equip congregations to become spiritually healthy and effective in carrying out the Great Commission.

This 5½ by 8½ inch book can be read by individuals or small groups in a church setting. BHC Publishing also has available an 8½ by 11 inch discipleship workbook version of this book that includes interactive learning activities throughout the text. These learning activities enable the reader fully understand and apply the biblical principles in *Winning the Real Battle at Church*. In addition, the workbook contains a detailed leader guide and small group worksheets designed to equip the small group facilitator to conduct seven weekly sessions. Go to www.winningtherealbattle.com for online samples of the workbook. The workbook can be purchased online as well. Group discounts are available.

Churches across America have used the discipleship workbook version of *Winning the Real Battle at Church* for leadership training, during the transition between pastors, as a churchwide study, and in small groups. Reader comments include the following statements:

Winning the Real Battle at Church has mesmerized the people in our home Bible study group as we search for the Holy Spirit's leading through challenging times in our local church. We are

experiencing inner healing and a powerful new fellowship through the Bible-based teaching and spiritual wisdom of this six-week study. The book leaves us chastened, matured and with great hope for holding our church together during troubled times.

Seventy of our church members are excitedly going through the workbook discipleship study, *Winning the Real Battle at Church*. Presently we are going through a calm and happy time in our church. However, we know that Satan does not like a happy congregation and that is why we are doing this study. *Winning the Real Battle at Church* strikes directly at the heart of church conflict and answers many of our questions regarding how to stand against Satan's attacks. We are very thankful for this resource and know it will benefit our church for many years to come. It is a "must" Bible study for every congregation!

Our study group has just finished the fourth week of the workbook. It was so good that we had a difficult time stopping. As a matter of fact, we couldn't finish all the activities because of all the discussion. Everyone is enjoying the study and is always eager to start the daily readings for the next week. It's changing their hearts and lives. As chairman of the deacons I plan to use *Winning the Real Battle at Church* in our next training class for new deacons.

I think *Winning the Real Battle at Church* is an excellent study on a topic that is rarely addressed so directly in other materials. We plan to use this curriculum as a small group study this Fall. We

hope it will be helpful in a church which has experienced a great deal of strife in the last 10 years.

Winning the Real Battle at Church has applied to several situations in my life outside of church, especially at work. Now I know how to deal with difficult people on the job, extending God's grace and forgiveness to them...and it's really making a difference!

This book really made me stop and think about the behaviors I need to change in my own life.

I thoroughly enjoyed the study and the interaction in our small group. *Winning the Real Battle at Church* was an excellent learning experience that strengthened personal relationships in our church.

Every church of every denomination should do this study, especially those in leadership positions.

Winning the Real Battle at Church is very thorough and well put together. It helped me to see previous church conflicts in a new light and equipped me to deal with present and future conflicts. The truths taught in the book also applied in many ways to my personal and social life.

The workbook's greatest value to me was (1) the consistent and repeated direction to self-examination and (2) the emphasis on "intentional love" vs. loving those who earn it. The highlighted examples of church conflicts throughout the book were helpful and illuminating.

Everyone in our church should take this study!
I have seen many conflicts in various congregations that resulted in splits and defeated churches in my more than 50 years as a Christian. This is the first study that I've known of where biblical truths and practical exercises with self-inventories actually guide church members to resolve conflict before its damage is extensive. *Winning the Real Battle at Church* has helped me focus on squarely on the truth of God's Word.

Winning the Real Battle at Church is simply "life-changing." Now I understand how God expects us to resolve church conflict. My walk with God is closer and my relationships with other believers are better. I think our church should offer this workbook study to church members once a year!

