I WANT, WON’T, WILL

When the group is gathered, go around the circle with each person verbalizing the statements below.

**I WANT**

Tell your group that you **WANT** them to love you enough to tell you whenever they see something in your life that is inconsistent with what should be true of a follower of Christ. Verbalize to each person in the group that you want them to point out “blind spots” in your life that you obviously can’t see. This exercise will not only help take some of the awkwardness out of being lovingly “wounded’ by a friend, but might encourage those in the group who are timid to verbalize their perceptions and gently admonish when necessary.

**I WONT**

Declare to each person in the group that you **WON’T** gossip, but instead, go to the person and speak with them one on one. Be especially mindful that it is way too easy to feel justified in sharing with your spouse, or close friend, a frustration, disappointment or “growth area” concerning someone in the group. Gossip is gossip! The best thing the listening friend can do is say, “It sounds like you need to go talk to that person, instead of talking to me.”

**I WILL**

Resolve that you **WILL** deal conflict in a Biblical manner. Establishing and maintaining the biblical model of healthy communication is what keeps good groups moving forward. It is one thing to know ***how*** we are supposed to handle conflict, but quite another to actually commit to ***do*** it in the midst of hurt feelings and raw emotions. It takes courage to lovingly admonish someone and it takes humility to receive such correction.