

Getting Started

How did your family handle conflict growing up?
What is the most common situations that bring conflict in your life?

When faced with conflict, what is your most common response?

- Deal with it immediately
- · Give yourself some time to think it over
- · Avoid it and move past it
- Get angry and yell it out
- Talk it through with a neutral third party

Going Deeper

What did you feel God was speaking to you through the message this week? Review Joshua 22 and talk about the conflict in the camp

Read <u>Proverbs 18:17</u>. How have you experienced the truth of this verse in your life? How can applying the truth of this verse change the way you deal with conflict.

Look at Jesus words on dealing with conflict in Matthew 18:15.

Jesus broke down conflict into 4 steps. Take a moment to review them together.

1. If there is a conflict

Are you good at identifying conflict?

Are you more active or passive when it comes to dealing with conflict?

What effect does unaddressed unresolved conflict have on relationships?

2. You go

Read the following verses and talk about our role of seeking out the source of conflict Matthew 5:23
Galatians 6:1-5

3. Point out their fault just between the two of you

How often do you think people go to a third party to talk through conflict rather than going to the source?

What can we do as people to honor the people in our lives by going to them first? When do you think it is appropriate to see the counsel of someone else before you confront? Are there any people in your life who tend to drag you in as a third party to a conflict where you should not be involved? How can you handle this?

4. To win them over

The goal of dealing with conflict is simple. It's to restore the relationship. Look over the following verses and discover God's truth for how we should deal with conflict to bring restoration.

Proverbs 15:1 Ephesians 4:1-3

Ephesians 4:25

Philippians 2:3-4

