

Discussion Questions

1. If there is a particular relationship that is constantly in conflict, what does Scripture say is usually the main culprit?
2. Did you grow up required to “ask for forgiveness,” or was a simple “sorry” good enough?
 - a. Do you think there is a big difference between the two?
3. Are you aware of any ongoing conflicts in your life that you’ve been slow to resolve?
 - a. What do you think has been keeping you from resolving it?
4. Do you ever have a hard time extending forgiveness, especially with issues that repeatedly come up? If so, what Biblical principle do you need to dwell on to push through those feelings?
(*Matthew 18:21–35*)
5. Thinking about our conflicts as something “God ordained” can be very challenging at times. What passages greatly encourage you to see “God’s Hand” in their midst?
6. Can you think of the last conflict you were involved with?
 - a. Based on what you learned this morning, how should you have handled it differently?

Conflict Resolution - “I said I’m sorry!”

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Why do we have conflict?

- **James 4:1–3**

So how can we deal with conflict in a way that honors God?

- Acknowledge that “He is in the middle of it”
 - **James 1:2–4**
- Ask, “How can I honor God in my response”
 - **1 Corinthians 10:13**
 - **Ephesians 4:25–27**
- Ask, “How can I love this individual that I’m in conflict with?”
 - **Colossians 3:12–17**
 - **Ephesians 4:31–32**

What happens when we respond sinfully to conflict?

- A barrier is created between you and the one you sinned against
- It must be dealt with to please God!
 - **Romans 12:16–18**

How do we resolve conflict?

- The goal is not for you to just stop feeling bad about what you've done!
 - **Matthew 27:3-5**
 - **2 Corinthians 2:4**
- Feeling bad isn't enough to right the wrong!
 - **Hebrews 12:11**
 - **2 Corinthians 7:9-10**

Repentance

- What is it?
- Isn't this what Jesus asks of us?
 - **Romans 6:23**
 - **Luke 24:45-47**

Forgiveness

- God calls all of us to forgive, just like He will always forgive us
 - **Matthew 18:21-35**
- What if you don't feel like forgiving?
 - **1 Peter 3:8-9**

Take Aways

1. We often see conflicts as obstacles in our way, but God sees them as the destination!
2. It's an opportunity to die to self
3. It's an opportunity to grow in our love for others
4. It's an opportunity to glorify God by how we handle these issues
5. If you know of anyone that is in conflict with you, go after them!