



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Good Conflict: September 13, 2020

- Read Matthew 5:9. “God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.” One of the big ideas from the sermon is that the litmus test for spiritual maturity is not the absence of conflict, but how we handle it. Do you feel that handling conflict is an area of strength for you or an area of struggle? Why do we resist working for peace by not resolving or avoiding conflict?
- Read Matthew 18:15. “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. Is there someone that you previously had conflict with but have now resolved it and have seen your relationship become stronger? How did addressing the conflict improve the relationship? Have you had a relationship with someone where conflict went unresolved? If so, how has it affected your relationship?
- Pastor Sean outlines practical steps to resolve conflict which include: owning responsibility, approaching the conflict, using sensitivity and communicating directly. Is there someone in your life that you know it’s time to reconcile with? With the big idea that the goal isn’t to win the argument but win the relationship, what steps will you take to start the process of conflict resolution?
- Through this sermon series we’ve learned how “everyone is normal until you get to know them” and how we can be a better reflection of Christ in our relationships. Discuss which sermon has been most impactful for you and why.
 - Week 1 - Unique (Everyone’s Not Normal)
 - Week 2 - The Fellowship of The Mat (Relationships)
 - Week 3 - Throwing Stones (Story of the Samaritan Woman)
 - Week 4 - Spiritual Surgery (Forgiveness)
 - Week 5 - Good Conflict (Conflict Resolution)