

What Any Conflict Can Do

Number one in the series: *Make Peace Not War*

Biblical tools for handling conflict

January 2 & 3, 2010

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oRelational troubles are inevitable.

2. We will handle conflict in one way or another.

oSome people tend to

oOther people go into

oThere is an _____.

3. We can handle conflict in a way that honors God.

oA cost analysis: *What is at stake?*

The importance of resolving conflict - John 17:20,21.

oA case study: *What does this look like?*

The benefit and resolution of conflict - Acts 15:36-42.

oA simple truth: *What should I do first?*

The first step in making peace with others is to experience peace . And the first step in experiencing peace within is to experience peace .

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. What are some of the relational tensions you hope to resolve this year? What difficult relationship at work or at home is in need of repair? Begin this new series of messages with prayer as you commit yourself to grasping and applying biblical principles to resolving conflict.

2. Is all this talk about seeing conflict as an opportunity just so much positive mumbo-jumbo, or is it really possible? What do you think?

3. Do you have an example of when you handled conflict well? What went right?

4. Summarize the difference between a peace-faker, a peace-breaker and a peace-maker.

5. Read Acts 15:36-42. What went wrong between these men? What evidence surfaces elsewhere in the Bible that shows their disagreement didn't cause a permanent division?

6. Later in this series we will be studying Gal. 6:1 in considerable detail. Peek ahead at this great verse and make a list of all it has to say about conflict resolution.

7. See Eph 4:1-3 for a beautiful picture of what it takes to make peace with others.

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Acts 15:36-42.*

8. See Prov. 3:5,6. How do these verses come into play when handling conflict? Why is it that the right thing to do is often the harder thing to do?

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9. How are peace with God, peace within, and peace with others related?

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