

A Better Way: Conflict Resolution

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Life Group Questions – April 22, 2018



Connect

Who is a person you have seen handle conflict well? What impressed you about how they handled it?

Study

1. Read **1 Corinthians 6:1**. What is specific thing is happening in the church of Corinth that is causing Paul to write this passage? Are these conflicts "criminal" or minor? Why is that distinction important?
2. Paul offers 4 reminders *why* this shouldn't be happening in the church. What is the 1st thing he reminds them of according to **v. 1 & vv. 9-11**? What does our new identity in Christ mean for how we are to live? Explain why this is different from "works righteousness." Where is this present in your life?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 6:2-4**. What is the 2nd reminder Paul gives the Corinthians? What is the difference between judging and being judgmental? How is this hard for you?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 6:5-6**. What is the 3rd reminder Paul gives as to why this way of dealing with conflict in the church is not acceptable? How is our handling of conflict a witness?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:7-8**. What 4th reminder does Paul give? Do you view your faith as an individual matter (between "Jesus and me") or communal? What might change if we thought more like a family?
6. How do you normally handle conflict? What does Jesus say about handling conflict in **Matthew 18:15-17**? What does it look like to "speak the truth in love" to someone?
7. Why is it so difficult to "turn the other cheek" (cf. Matthew 5:38-40)? When is a time you have practiced this and what did you notice? Are there situations when this is *not* the right thing to do? Explain.
8. What action is the Spirit prompting you to pursue as a result of this passage?

Pray

Thank God that, though we were once enemies, Jesus has made us friends of God. Pray for the courage to model the same love Jesus did for those who hurt and for the ability to call people up in truth and grace.

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

