

# Peacemaking – Part 1

## Six Things You Need to Know About Conflict

### Overview of the next four weeks:

Thing to Know About Conflict  
Before You Confront  
Principles and Processes of Biblical Peacemaking  
Forgiveness and Reconciliation

### 1) We are called to live at peace

Live at peace with \_\_\_\_\_ (*Romans 12:18*)  
*But these principles will apply differently with those outside the church...*

Live at peace *especially* within the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matthew 5:23-24, John 17:20-23, 1 Timothy 2:8*

### 2) Conflict is not always \_\_\_\_\_

Conflict is the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin in the world, but is not always itself sin.  
Where did conflict begin? *Genesis 3:12*

What else causes conflict in our lives?

Because conflict is not necessarily sin, we shouldn't believe that the presence of conflict  
is \_\_\_\_\_. Likewise, the absence of conflict is not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3) Conflict is \_\_\_\_\_

Even when we love one another well, we all still \_\_\_\_\_.

Even when we are serving God well, there will be \_\_\_\_\_ among us.

Sometimes conflict will come from matters of \_\_\_\_\_ or over \_\_\_\_\_ matters.  
*Romans 14-15, 1 Corinthians 8, 10*

The bible \_\_\_\_\_ conflict in the church.

Hence the focus on peace \_\_\_\_\_ instead of peace \_\_\_\_\_.

**4) God is \_\_\_\_\_**

God uses conflict to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ (*Acts 15:36-41, Genesis 50:17-20*)

This changes our focus from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Conflict gives us opportunity to: \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
\_\_\_\_\_ others,  
and grow in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**5) Conflict is not a strictly \_\_\_\_\_ matter**

The members of the body of Christ are called to be peacemakers (*Matthew 5:5*).

Sometimes that requires us to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure conflict is resolved.

*Matthew 18:15-17*

*Acts 9:26-27*

*Philemon*

*Philippians 4:2-3*

*2 Samuel 14:1-21*

**6) Peace is only possible through the \_\_\_\_\_**

Only in the gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our conflict dealt with.

*Ephesians 2:14-17*

Only by the \_\_\_\_\_ grace and love of God can we forgive others

*Matthew 18:21-35; 1 John 4:7-11, 19*