

# Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation A Webinar Bible Study Handout for Lesson 6

Use this handout to prepare for discussion questions. You'll answer them in the chat box, in small group breakout rooms, or in a poll. This handout also prepares you for looking up a few Bible passages.

## Homework Assignment from last Week

- 1. Briefly introduce yourselves.
- 2. From the Case Study: What do you think grieved the three women most of all?
- 3. What was keeping them from forgiving each other?
- 4. How did their broken relationships affect their relationship to God?
- 5. What is the greatest insight you gained from this lesson on forgiving others?

# **Beginning Reflections**

Be prepared to answer a few chat box questions.

#### What does it mean to restore?

In your chat box answer, "How might we be tempted when restoring someone?"

Bible passages to look up:

- Ephesians 4:26-27
- Romans 2:1
- Ephesians 6:4

# The Christian's responsibility when bringing correction

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26

emphasis added

- 1. What are the responsibilities of the Lord's servant?
- 2. What is God's responsibility (and therefore not *yours*)?
- 3. What role should retaliation play in restoration?
- 4. When are you most tempted to force someone to repent?



You'll have 5 minutes for this exercise.



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#### **Ultimate purpose?**

Be prepared to answer a chat box question.

## Applying Matthew 18

[Jesus said,] "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

Matthew 18:15-17

When applying these verses, discuss what's false about the following statements:

- 1. This is a quick 3-step process.
- 2. Going one-on-one means 1 time.
- 3. "Bring others along" means those who agree with you or have authority.
- 4. Tell it to the church means broadcasting through social media or other means.
- 5. To treat as unbelievers means to shun.



Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

1 Peter 3:15

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