

## Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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## The Search for Happiness~7 How to resolve conflicts. James 3:1-18

*"God blesses those who are peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."*  
Matthew 5:9 NLT

Peace-making is not \_\_\_\_\_ and  
it's not \_\_\_\_\_.

### DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNRESOLVED CONFLICT:

**1. It blocks my \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

*"If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen."* 1 John 4:20 TEV

**2. It blocks my \_\_\_\_\_ from being answered.**

*"Husbands, be considerate of your wives, and treat them with respect... so that nothing hinders your prayers."* 1 Peter 3:7 NIV

**3. It blocks my \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness."* James 3:18 NLT

### HOW TO BE A PEACEMAKER:

**1. Make the first \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"If you're standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God."* Matthew 5:23-24 NLT

*"He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.""* Genesis 3:10 NIV

*"God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."* 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

## 2. Ask God for \_\_\_\_\_.

"If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask Him, and He will gladly tell you."  
James 1:5 LB

## 3. Begin with what's my \_\_\_\_\_.

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it the whole army of evil desires at war within you?" James 4:1 NIV

"Pride only leads to arguments." Proverbs 13:10 NCV

## 4. Listen for their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." James 1:19 NLT

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:4-5 NIV

"...we must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others... Let's please the other fellow, not ourselves, and do what is for his good and thus build him up in the Lord." Romans 15:2 LB

## 5. Speak the truth \_\_\_\_\_.

"Speak the truth in love." Ephesians 4:15 NIV

"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."  
Proverbs 12:18 NIV

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed." Ephesians 4:29 TEV

## 6. Fix the \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_.

"You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips." Colossians 3:8 NIV

## 7. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

"God has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us the ministry of restoring relationships. God was in Christ restoring his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. We are Christ's representatives... We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God." 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 GW



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. When you are in conflict, are you a skunk (stink the place up) or a turtle (withdraw to a safe place)?
2. Read Matthew 5:23-24. Why do you think God says it is more important to be reconciled than to worship? Does this challenge you to make the first move toward reconciliation in the future?
3. The biggest barrier to dealing with conflict is the fear of being exposed or vulnerable. Fear can make you defensive (afraid to reveal your true self), distant (hide your true feelings) or demanding (try to control or have the last word). Share at least one helpful step to overcome these fears to aid in conflict resolution. What current relationship(s) could benefit from overcoming these fears?
4. Conflict happens. When it does do you want to be right, or do you want to stay in the relationship? What do you find the most difficult about this question? When your pride rises up, how do you keep it from causing conflict? 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
5. Read Romans 15:2. Generally in conversation are you a listener? When you focus your attention on others instead of yourself and try to see things from their perspective and their needs, how does it increase your compassion and understanding of them? How can you learn to shut off the voice in your head that speaks when you really need to listen?
6. Read Ephesians 4:15. You never get your point across when you are being cross. What are some habits you developed or need to develop in order to speak the truth in love so the truth is received by others? Since truth must be preceded by trust, how can you build deeper trust into each of your relationships?
7. It's always more rewarding to resolve the conflict than to dissolve the relationship. Remembering that you don't have to agree about everything, what is most challenging about agreeing to disagree without being disagreeable?