

WE ARE FAMILY

Session 5



Resolving Conflict

Matthew 18 : 15-22

UP: Introduction

- Where do you see peace and harmony in your life and in the world?
- Where do you see most conflict?

IN: Explore

- Is conflict always wrong? Can conflict be helpful or even healthy - explain?
- Would you say there is less conflict within church than in other groupings, or more, or about the same? Why, or why not?

READ Matthew 18 : 15-22

- What is your first reaction to these verses as a model for conflict resolution? How is it helpful to you? How is it unhelpful?
- How can each of us as a member of the church family be helpful when we see conflict amongst others?
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- Have a quick scan of the whole of Matthew 18. Notice the things that it includes. What does the whole passage tell you about God's heart for his church?

OUT: Impact

- Look again at the passage. Can you name something you're taking away from the passage and/or discussion to apply to your own life?
- Question for personal reflection: Would you describe yourself as too conflict averse, too confrontational, or well-balanced in this area?