

Study Questions from 26.05.2019 sermon

Introduction

- i. What 'famous fall-outs' can you think of?
- ii. We tend to respond to conflict by either attacking or withdrawing. List some patterns of being an Attacker or a Withdrawer.
- iii. If we are an attacker, what does this reveal about our hearts?
- iv. If we are a withdrawer, what does this reveal about our hearts?

Six steps to resolving conflict

- v. **Step One: Pick Your Battles.** Proverbs 12:16 & 19:11 advise us to overlook some conflicts. How do we decide which to overlook and which to resolve?
- vi. **Step Two: Do Some Planking.** Why is following Jesus's advice in Luke 6:41—42 so important as we approach the person we are seeking to resolve conflict with?
- vii. **Step Three: Don't Gossip Or Bully.** Paul didn't gossip about Peter or bully him. In what manner did he resolve the conflict according to Galatians 2:11 & 14? Why is this crucially important in church and in our social media world?
- viii. **Step Four: What Is My Motivation?** Look up Galatians 2:12—13 and discuss Paul's motivation(s) in confronting Peter. What wrong motivations might we have when approaching conflict? What motivation should we have?
- ix. **Step Five: Prepare To Sacrifice.** What did Peter have to sacrifice to resolve the conflict (see 1 Pet. 5:5b—6)? What might we have to sacrifice?
- x. **Step Six: Identify The Issue And Invite A Response.** According to Gal. 2:13—14, what was the main issue causing the conflict? And what response did Paul invite, according to Gal. 6:15?

Some helpful hints

- xi. Four helpful hints to resolve conflict were given: Pray Before You Say; How To Word It; Gentleness Is Powerful; Conflict Questions. Which hint resonated with you the most? Why?

Becoming empowered resolve conflict Biblically

- xii. How does the gospel empower us to resolve conflict Biblically?