

Undivided - Reconciliation

James 4:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2 - John Richardson

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you respond in conflict situations?
2. Identify common causes of conflict.
3. How does the way we tend to communicate contribute to increased conflict? In society? In our families? In the church?
4. How does the "boulder metaphor" help you to reframe conflict and help to find better resolution to conflict?
5. Read James 4:1-3. Discuss the role that desire plays in how conflict works itself out in relationships. Use the "Desire" diagram to share ways you have followed the "demand" path and ways you have followed the "grieve" path.
6. Review the Healthy Conflict Cycle chart. How does this help you understand what is involved in healthy conflict? Based on this chart, where do you need to grow in how you handle conflict?
7. Read Our Commitment to Reconciliation. How would this common commitment to peacemaking impact our church? How would it influence our impact in the community?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2. Guide your group in a prayer of commitment to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, as Paul describes Christians in this passage.