

A Word For Life

Talk Sheet

Encountering Conflict

Introduction:

Conflict can send shivers down your spine and all kinds of memories flooding back. Most people feel threatened by conflict. But conflict can bring about opportunity if viewed and handled correctly. Jesus handled conflict perfectly and we can learn from Him.

Talk Points:

- Conflict brings about an amazing opportunity for us to _____ and _____ in Christ.
- The _____ does not define the situation. How you _____ does.
- How do you typically respond to conflict?

Things To Ponder:

- When handling conflict, Christ didn't try to manipulate and control people. He didn't tell a bunch of other people about the incident. Jesus had a knack for connecting with people; even people He disagreed with or who disagreed with Him.
- Jesus prayed for all and longed for all to come to saving knowledge of Him.
- Jesus did not seek conflict. As He carried out God's work, conflict found Him.

Apply What You Heard:

How do you need to change how you view and respond to conflict?

Reflect:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4