

Resolving Conflict

Central theme: Getting closer to Jesus through conflict resolution

Objective: Every Christian can grow closer to Jesus by resolving conflict using three general approaches:

- Applying Christ's work on the cross to conflict resolution
- Changing self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness
- Engaging with Jesus and his body

1. Conflict

- a. Experience
- b. Definition
- c. Nature

2. What a friend for sinners: Jesus, the Prince of Peace

- a. His death on the cross resolves the biggest conflict
- b. Conflict can bring us closer to Jesus relationally
- c. Conflict can bring us closer to Jesus in image

3. It's all about...who?

- a. We begin in self-centeredness
- b. We remember Jesus
- c. Movement from our perception to God's reality

4. We are not alone

- a. Widening the circle
- b. Engaging our "enemies"
- c. Continued challenges: the reality of a broken world

5. The peace of conflict resolution: closer to Jesus