

4. Strategies for engaging

... When someone has wronged you (Luke 17:3)

- We should engage when a conflict . . .

- Some practical suggestions . . .

Is there someone with whom you need to engage?

... When someone has something against you (Matt. 5:23-24)

- Take the first step
- Why we should take the first step

Is there someone who has something against you?

5. The Power of the Gospel

- The Gospel . . . focuses on Christ and what He has done
- The Gospel . . . gives hope
- The Gospel . . . is the great equalizer - we all need the Gospel
- The Gospel . . . frees us to act. It is the Holy Spirit who brings change of heart. We simply obey.

WAGING PEACE

Gently Restoring in Conflict

Matthew 18:15-17

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1. A different mindset for dealing with conflict – ENGAGE rather than CONFRONT

A fuller understanding of Matthew 18

- Don't be one who LEADS another into SIN (1-5)
- SIN must be taken SERIOUSLY (6-9)
- God's heart for the LOST SHEEP (10-14)
- GAIN your brother back (15-20)
- We are to FORGIVE as God has FORGIVEN us, and we are to be MERCIFUL as God has shown MERCY to us (21-30)

2. A different purpose – to GLORIFY GOD

How do we GLORIFY GOD in conflict?

- We own our part in the conflict and ADMIT and FIX our part first
- We seek RESTORATION of the person with whom we are in conflict

3. A different outcome – RESTORATION of a brother or sister

- We seek the restoration of RELATIONSHIP (Romans 12:18)
- “We seek to MEND BROKEN people and RESTORE them to USEFULNESS in God's kingdom.” -Ken Sande