Message Outline

Corinthians: Building a Church— Handling Conflict



1 Corinthians 4:1-6:11

Intro: Corinthians...a church Paul "built"...

- Starts with doctrine: the cross and the Spirit.
- Now writing to specific issues in Corinth...

Christ on Conflict Resolution Read: Matthew 18:15, 17

Reau. Matthew 10.13-17	
1) Step #1:	v.15
2) Step #2:	v.16
3) Step #3:	v.16
4) Step #4:	v.17
5) Step #5:	v.17

Read: 1 Corinthians 4:1-6:11

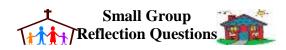
- v.1—"servant" and "steward"...
- v.1-5—Theme of judgment in ch.4-6...
- v.6-7—Life as a gift...
- v.8-21—How to take the high road...
- 5:1-5—An issue of sexuality...
- v.6-13—Need for judgment in believers but not unbelievers...
- 6:1-8—Christian vs. Christian court cases...
- v.9-11—New standing in Christ...

To Judge or Not to Judge (1Cor.6:2-3)

- Mt.7:1-2: "who am I to judge"...context against hypocritical judgment...the need for clear judgment (Mt.7:3-5, 15-20, Jn.7:24)!
- 1) ______1Cor.4:5 2) ______1Cor.5:3-5 3) 1Cor.5:13

Christians and Conflict in Corinth

1)	S	4:1, 12-13
•	Tough to hate those who	serve (Rom12:20)
2)	S	_6:7-8, Prov.19:11
3)	S	_5:5, Mt.18:17
4)	S	_4:5, 2Cor.5:10



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: John 19-20—Jesus' Death/Resurrection *What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?

*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

*Give an example where conflict turned out to be a good thing in the end?

*A Look in the Mirror: 1) On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest, how important is it for you to "win" a conflict? 2) How was conflict handled in your family growing up?

*Without giving names or too much info, can you think of a time when you handled a conflict situation poorly and/or well in the past? In what ways (or not) would Matt. 18:15-17 have helped that scenario?

*In your experience, how has the church handled conflict differently than the world (or not)? Explain.