

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

- 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



**Small Group
Reflection Questions**



(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.*