

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 5:19

Real reconciliation is born from loving confrontation.

- Matthew 18:14

Matthew 18:15-20

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Loving confrontation sets up transformation.

- Revelation 3:19
- Matthew 18:15

- Galatians 6:1

- James 3:17-18

Loving confrontation grows as we seek reconciliation.

- Matthew 18:16

- 1 Timothy 5:19

- Matthew 18:17

- Matthew 18:18-20

- 1 Corinthians 6:1-2

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been able to restore a broken relationship with someone? If so, how?
2. What are some of the ingredients for a good confrontation versus a bad one?
3. Seeking reconciliation with a brother or sister requires great wisdom. How does James 3:17 describe godly wisdom? Which of these characteristics must come first, and why?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20.** Describe what it means to “reconcile.” What is an ambassador, and what are the responsibilities of one? How does this relate to reconciliation?
5. **Read Matthew 18:15-17.** What problem did Jesus address? Describe in order the steps He outlines to deal with a brother who sins. Discuss the significance of the phrases “listen to you” and “won them over.”
6. In Matthew 18:17, what is the purpose of involving the church in discipline, and how does it align with the goal of seeking reconciliation?
7. In light of what Pastor Greg said about taking responsibility and going to the person who has sinned against you (Matthew 18:15), how can we overcome fear and the challenges of initiating a face-to-face confrontation? What practical steps can we take to prepare? Is there a conversation you need to have with someone over the coming weeks?

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** “All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;” **2 Corinthians 5:18 (ESV)**

**READ ARTICLE:** Biblical Peacemaking - <https://rw360.org/biblical-peacemaking/>

**READ:** *Peace Maker* by Ken Sande

## SMALL GROUP STUDIES:

- *Healing Relationships* by Trueface (4-week study on [right now media](#))
- *When to Walk Away: Finding Freedom from Toxic People* by Gary Thomas (available as a book or 6-week small group study on [right now media](#))
- *Relational Peacemaking Group Study* by RW360 with Ken Sande (12-week group study, materials cost \$20-25 per person [more info here](#))