

Matthew 18:15-35

Biblical Conflict

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Introduction: When Tornadoes Shape Churches

Key Question: How Do We “Speak the Truth in Love” for the sake of our witness of Jesus when there are tensions among us?

I. A Process of Handling Conflict Biblically

- A. Step One: One-on-One (v.15)
- B. Step Two: Go-in-Two’s (v. 16)
- C. Step Three: Go to Church (v. 17)

II. The Purposes of Handling Conflict Biblically

- A. Rescue (v. 15)
- B. Reconciliation (vv. 15-18)
- C. Mission (18-20)
- D. Discipleship (17)

III. Overcoming Problems of Handling Conflict Biblically

- A. What about Not Judging Others?
- B. What if the “Fault” Doesn’t Concern Me?
- C. What if Reconciliation Attempts Don’t Work?

Conclusion: Conversations and Generations