

CONVERSATION STARTER

If you're a male leader, ask: *If my zipper were down right now, what would you do?*

If you're a female leader, ask: *If I had food in my teeth right now, what would you do?*

Play the **Recap Video**. If you are unable to do so, move to the Discussion Questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: What is it about unresolved conflict that steals our focus? [At work, in a meeting, trying to pray, during a gathering] How is it affecting your relationship with God?

Question 2: When conflict does present itself, why do we avoid resolving it? What's your excuse?

A. I don't like conflict.

C. I'm afraid of their reaction.

B. Time heals all wounds.

D. I'll lose the argument anyway.

Question 3: We need to take a second look at these practical steps and read what the Bible says.

[Ask different people to look up and read individual Bible passages.]

To resolve conflict I must...

- Take initiative. *Matthew 5:23,24*
- Confess my part. *Matthew 7:3-5*
- Listen for their hurt. *James 1:19*
- Tell the truth tactfully. *Proverbs 12:18*
- Fix the problem, not the blame. *Colossians 3:8*

Which one struck a nerve for you? What do you struggle with most often?

Pray. At this point, we're probably all thinking of a specific person that we have conflict with. And in Matthew 7, Jesus said that resolving conflict with others is priority. So let's take a moment to pray right now—with that person in mind—asking God to give us the courage to do something about it. Then, I'll [Facilitator] pray for all of us.

Now this is obviously important, so **write their name or initials on your hand**. Don't wait, don't forget. Then, take the practical steps and decide to do your part in reconciling that relationship.

CONVERSATION WRAP-UP

Plan it. It's time to start thinking about the future. If your group is new, encourage folks to consider whether they want to continue in this LIFE Group beyond the four weeks of this series. Is this working? Be honest with yourselves. What's your next step?