



Conflict in the Church

Philippians 4:1-3

Big Idea: when conflict threatens to divide the church, God's solution is for all of God's people to have a gospel mission mindset.

Outline:

1. The Conflict – A Serious Division with Serious Consequences
 - a. The Cause of Conflict: Following a Few Clues
 - b. The Consequences of Conflict
2. The Resolution – All of God's People to Have a Gospel Mission Mindset
 - a. An "In the Lord" Gospel Mindset
 - b. A Mission Mindset
 - c. Helping Others Have This Mindset

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the common causes of conflict in churches? Why do you think Christians tend to fight about these things?
2. How does “selfish ambition” cause, contribute to, and escalate conflict?
3. What are the consequences of unresolved conflict for the church?
4. What does it mean to “agree in the Lord”? How is this different from Paul just saying, “just get along”?
5. When we are in conflict with someone, how might it help to see them as a “fellow worker” for the gospel rather than an opponent?
6. How can fellow Christians help one another resolve conflict in the church?