

# Community Study

## Session 4 Questions

Ice-breaker: What has been the best experience you've had with conflict working out well?

1. Assess your style of managing conflict by using the following breakdowns. Explain why you'd rate yourself in that way.

### **Acknowledging conflict**

1- I avoid or tiptoe around conflict ----- 10- I get energized by conflict

### **Taking initiative**

1- I find it almost impossible to ----- 10- I tend to bowl people over with  
initiate conflict resolution my aggressive style of handling  
conflict

### **No third parties**

1- I almost never talk about my ----- 10- I tend to work through my  
conflicts with others until I've feelings by talking to others w/out  
directly confronted the person going to the person who hurt me

### **Go in private**

1- I almost always find a way to ----- 10- I find verbal jabs with others  
say my confrontative words when listening an effective way to get  
I'm alone with the person my point across

### **Direct communication**

1- I tend to use subtle and indirect ----- 10- I've been told that I overwhelm  
ways to let someone know they've people with my directness  
hurt me

2. Describe a typical example of conflict resolution in your home growing up.

How is your style like that now? How is it different?

In what ways do you typically need to exercise more verbal discipline when you get frustrated or hurt?

3. Ephesians 4.22-32 contains a number of useful applications to situations where there is discord. List those and talk about how you've seen or experienced them in conflict situations.

4. 1 Corinthians 13.4-7 is part of Paul's famous "love chapter." We often hear it read at weddings. But Paul wrote to a church where love often didn't flow naturally. Which aspects of love are you most likely to show in conflict situations? Which are you least likely to show? Explain.

5. When we get into conflict, it is the very "nature of the beast" that we become obsessed with our own pain and the injustice done to us. But Scripture repeatedly reminds us that there is something much greater at stake: unity.

Why is unity such an essential thing in our homes?

In our churches?