



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How comfortable are you with confronting someone who has wronged you? How comfortable are you with apologizing to someone you've wronged? How do you think those tendencies affect the quality of your relationships?
2. As a group, take a few minutes to make a list of reasons people avoid confrontation. When you're finished, look through your list. How many of the items are about concern for the other person? How many of the items are about personal comfort or self-interest?
3. Read Matthew 5:23–24 below. Has your bad blood with another person ever affected your relationship with God? If so, how?

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23–24
4. Read Matthew 18:15 below. Respond to Jesus' command. Does it seem realistic? Why or why not?

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over." Matthew 18:15
5. Is there a person to whom you need to repent because of the hurt you've caused? If so, what can you do before the next session to take full responsibility, make no excuses, and lay out a plan for change?
6. Is there someone with whom you need to have a conversation? What steps can you take before the next session to go and have that conversation? How can this group support you?