



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Reconciliation and Forgiveness in Marriage (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **December 10, 2023**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Everyone at times in their life sins against others and is sinned against. Why is it though that the sting of sin tends to be amplified in a marriage relationship more so than in other relationships?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:8, Proverbs 19:11 and Proverbs 17:9. What principles do these verses teach us about conflict resolution? How can one determine whether an issue should simply be overlooked?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:7. How can we apply this verse to the conflict resolution process in marriage? Why is this principle important?
5. If someone has offended you, does that mean you were sinned against? Explain. What determines whether an action is sinful?
6. Read Ephesians 4:26-27 and Galatians 6:1. How are we supposed to deal with issues within a marriage according to these verses? What happens when a couple refuses to deal with issues and let's them pile up over time?



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7. When we sin against *God*, how ought we to make things right? When we sin against *others*, how ought we to make things right? Use Scripture to support your answer.
8. How does God forgive us according to Scripture? How ought we then to forgive others? See Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:12-13, Psalm 103:11-12, Hebrews 8:12.
9. If a Christian you know was holding bitterness and unforgiveness in their heart toward someone else, how would you counsel them? How would you point to the gospel? What Scriptures would you use to help them cultivate a heart of forgiveness and compassion?

Accountability Question

For those who are married, are there any issues in your marriage that you need to discuss with your spouse? If so, when will you do this and how do you want us to hold you accountable?