



BE KIND • REWIND

Forgiveness

WHICH BUCKET WILL YOU CHOOSE? (MATTHEW 5:9,21-26)

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

In Philippians 4:2, Paul wrote to two women in the church, saying, “I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.” The quarrel between these two women threatened to tear down the witness of the Philippian church if left unresolved. So Paul urged a “true companion” (v.3) to help rebuild that relationship.

Sadly, Christians do quarrel, but we should seek to “live peaceably” with all (Romans 12:18). Unless our conflicts are resolved, the Christian witness so painstakingly built up can be destroyed. It takes much effort and time to reconcile broken relationships. But it is worth it. Like a new building rising from the ruins, reconciled believers can emerge stronger. May we seek to build each other up through our words and actions today!

CONVERSATION STARTER

“Be Kind... Rewind” is a reference to the 80’s and 90’s. What is one of your favorite songs from that era?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read aloud Matthew 5:9,21-26.

Pastor Jason said “**To choose peace in conflict is to follow the path of Christ.**” Describe a recent conflict or disagreement you have had with another person. How did it get resolved?

When we choose pain relationships suffer. What sinful reactions do you find yourself gravitating towards when you are in conflict? How hard is it for you to control your words and actions in conflict?

When we choose peace relationships heal. Do you run from or avoid conflict? Why is that? What makes it difficult for you to admit you were wrong?

Be committed to peacemaking. In what ways does your treatment of others during conflict promote peace and reconciliation? In what ways do they work against peace and reconciliation?

MAKING IT REAL

Are you in a conflict with someone right now and it is still unresolved? What steps do you need to take to move towards peace? How do you need us to help or pray for you?