



## Biblical Principles and Practical Steps for Resolving Personal Conflict – MT 220

Many times, it seems we can get stuck in personal conflicts – at home, at church, at work – and it is an unhappy way to live that just doesn't seem right for us as Christians. But the Bible has a lot to say about how we can pursue authentic reconciliation in our relationships. This Equipping seminar will examine those Biblical principles, and how they can be applied in very practical ways in real-life situations.

### Key questions we'll consider together:

- How can we glorify God as we pursue reconciliation with others?
- When is overlooking an offense the wisest thing to do?
- How can we 'get the plank out of our own eye' first? (Matt. 7:5)
- How do we blend gentleness (love) with justice (truth) in our interactions?
- What does it mean to forgive others as God has forgiven us?
- What is the crucial role of 'repentance' when it comes to full and authentic reconciliation? (Luke 17:3-4)
- What do we do when someone refuses to reconcile?
- How do we 'overcome evil with good' even in very difficult relationships? (Rom. 12:21)

Our (optional) resource for these sessions will be the book, "The Peacemaker" by Ken Sande (the revised and updated edition), but the focus of our times together will be reflecting on the many Biblical passages that speak to his crucial concern, combined with discussion of our actual situations that we're facing in our own lives.

*"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* – Eph. 4:31-32

**Facilitators: Pastor Doug Phillips, Dave Seal, and Jeremy Rook**  
**Room: Chapel | Cost: optional resource book (\$8.00)**