



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

SERMON STUDY

Have some of your group members read these verses aloud: John 2:23-25, Acts 9:26-27, Acts 15:36-40, Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:11, & 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Dive deeper into this week's message and passage from the Bible. Here are some questions to help guide your group discussion.

With relationships, conflict is inevitable. The way we disagree can break trust or build it. Trust requires interpersonal conflict. Think of a time when you've had conflict with someone that was handled in an unhealthy way. How did that cause trust to be lost? Think of a time when conflict was handled in a healthy way. How did that cause trust to be earned? In general, how can you disagree with someone in a way that builds trust?

Paul and Barnabas experienced a disagreement so sharp that it permanently fractured their relationship. If we're going to be effective in our mission, we've got to grow in trying to understand others before seeking to be understood. How do you typically handle interpersonal conflict with someone you care about? In what ways could seeking to understand someone else before seeking to be understood help build more trust in your own relationships?

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God reconciled our relationship with him. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. In what ways could you give up your own wants and needs in order to reconcile with someone else? What is something you could do this week to remain curious about someone else's perspective, feelings, and understanding, even if you don't agree with them? How can you personally grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus so that you are able to help others be reconciled to him?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it, and when?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at what we're being challenged with this week.

Day one: John 2:23-25 | Don't put your trust in other people, power or possessions.

Day two: Acts 9:26-27 | We build trust when we encourage and defend others.

Day three: Acts 15:36-38 | The way we disagree can build trust or break it.

Day four: Col 4:10 & 2 Tim 4:11 | Trust requires interpersonal conflict.

Day five: 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 | God gave us the gift of reconciliation.