## The Sticky Stuff: Sticking Together **Through Disagreement**

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8-Step Approach To Resolving Disagreement

1. Make the first move

First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:24 NIV

Reconciliation is more important than worship.

2. Reject your excuses  $\bigcirc$ 

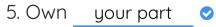
"I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." Genesis 3:10 NIV

3. Recognise your lack  $\bigcirc$ 

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <u>James 1:5 NIV</u>

4. Consider acceptance 🤝

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without guarrelling over disputable matters. Romans 14:1 NIV



What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

James 4:1 NIV

Pride only leads to arguments, but those who take advice are wise. Proverbs 13:10 NCV

6. Listen beyond the words 🤝

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19 NIV

7. Guard your mouth 📀

Speak the truth in love. <u>Ephesians 4:15 NLT</u>

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18 NIV

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words. <u>Ephesians 4:29</u> GNT

8. Focus on reconciliation 🥑 , not resolution

As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <u>Romans 12:18 NIV</u>

## **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What relationship in your life could benefit from reconciliation and healing?
- 2. What is one biblical principle from today's sermon that you can implement?