



NorthStar Church
In Repair, Week 1 - South
Matthew 5:9
Feb. 18, 2018

Main Idea

Restoring strained or broken horizontal relationships is important because it affects our vertical relationship with God. These hard relationships can block fellowship with God, block our prayer life, and ultimately block our happiness.

Study

Opening question: Can anyone in the group share a successful story of a restored relationship?

Read the following points from the sermon and the corresponding passages and discuss within your group the 6 steps for resolving conflict in a broken or strained relationship. As you discuss each point, share any insight you may have gotten during Steve's sermon and share examples of times when you have implemented or failed to implement these steps in a strained relationship.

1. Pray and initiate. (Matthew 5:23-24 and James 1:5)
2. Begin with what is my fault. (James 4:1 and Proverbs 13:10)
3. Listen for other's hurt and perspective. (James 1:19 and Philippians 2:4-5)
4. Speak clearly and in love. (Ephesians 4:15 and Proverbs 12:18)
5. Fix the problem not the blame. (Colossians 3:8)
6. Focus on the relationship not the resolution.

Before closing in prayer, give group members an opportunity to share any broken or strained relationships in their lives that they need prayer for.

Prayer

Pray for everyone in your group and their various requests. Pray specifically for any mentioned relationships that need to be healed and that they are approached in love and with the relationship not the resolution in mind.