

NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church
In Repair, Week 3 - West
Matthew 5:9
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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, block our worship, and ultimately block our happiness.

Study

Can anyone in the group share a story of a successfully restored relationship?

Read the following points from the sermon and the corresponding passages and discuss within your group the 4 problems with broken relationships and then the 7 steps for resolving conflict in a broken relationship. As you discuss each point, share any insight you may have gotten during Scott's sermon.

Blocks

1. Blocks your fellowship with God (1 John 4:20-21)
2. Blocks your prayer life (1 Peter 3:7)
3. Blocks your worship (Matthew 5:23-24)
4. Blocks your happiness (Proverbs 15:13, 17:22)

What to do

1. Talk to God first (Psalm 139:23-24)
2. Take the initiative (Matthew 5:23-24)
3. See from their vantage point (Philippians 2:3-4)
4. Confess your part (Matthew 7:3-5)
5. Attack the problem, not the person (Proverbs 15:1)
6. Cooperate as much as possible (Romans 12:18)
7. Emphasize reconciliation, not resolution (Ephesians 4:2-3)

Prayer

Pray for each other in your group and their various requests. Pray specifically for any relationships that need to be healed and that they are done so in love and with the relationship not the resolution in mind.