

# Reconciliation and the Gospel

## Getting Started

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Unfortunately, many churches experience internal divisions, personal feuds or even splits. Most of us will have had disagreements with others at some point, which we will have had to reconcile. Why do you think that churches can sometimes be particularly susceptible to people falling out?

## Going Deeper

### Read Philippians 2:1-7

1. What do you think it means that Christians are called to have one mind and be in agreement?
2. In what ways can people be tempted to rivalry / ambition in the church without realising it (v3)
3. How does the example of Jesus in verses 6 & 7 demonstrate the instructions given to us in v4 and v5?

### Read Philippians 4:2-3

4. Paul mentions a dispute between two ladies. He does not mention what the dispute is about. Why is it helpful that he does not give the details of the particular dispute?
5. Paul then instructs a fellow companion to help the women agree. What are some unhelpful and then some helpful ways we can intervene in disputes?

### Read Philemon 8-16

6. Paul sent Onesimus back to Philemon. Why is it important that past issues are resolved and not left as they are?
7. Why is it important that Paul appeals to love rather than authority?

## Question to take away:

8. Are there any damaged relationships in my life that have not been reconciled? Are there any wrongs I have not asked forgiveness for?