

**A Harvest of Peace:  
God's Purpose Regarding Confrontation  
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**Matthew 18:10-20**

**The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

<sup>10</sup> "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

**If Your Brother Sins Against You**

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (ESV)

**Section 1. Purpose Behind Confrontation**

**I. Biblical confrontation demonstrates the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of every single \_\_\_\_\_.**

**II. Biblical confrontation is concerned with \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. Restoration to \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Restoration to the \_\_\_\_\_.

i. The word \_\_\_\_\_ used in the Scripture means \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2: How to Confront Christians**

**I. If the goal of confrontation is \_\_\_\_\_ it should be done in a \_\_\_\_\_.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Dependent posture)

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ believer goes to the \_\_\_\_\_ professing believer who has \_\_\_\_\_ against him/her.**

a. Tell him/her their fault \_\_\_\_\_.

i. To include others at this level is \_\_\_\_\_.

b. If sin persists include one to two other \_\_\_\_\_ Christians and establish \_\_\_\_\_.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritually mature Christians to come up with a plan and pray.

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ a clear document to utilize in the confrontation.

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ steps of repentance.

iv. \_\_\_\_\_ them toward Jesus.

**A Harvest of Peace: The Great Conflict**  
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**Small Group Questions**  
**By: Chris Lay**

\*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

**COMMUNITY QUESTION:**

1. What makes confrontation difficult for you?

**Into the WORD/APPLICATION:**

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org), [desiringgod.org/articles/all](http://desiringgod.org/articles/all), [biblos.com](http://biblos.com), [ccel.org](http://ccel.org), [logos.com](http://logos.com), [connect.ligonier.org](http://connect.ligonier.org), [thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology](http://thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology).

1. Read Matthew 18:10-20: What does this passage tell us about Jesus perspective on those who are His sheep (10-14)? What instruction does Jesus give the person hearing His words in verses 15-20? From this passage, what is the purpose of confrontation?
2. Read Hebrews 3:12-14: According to Hebrews, what does sin do to a person? How are we to protect ourselves from the effects of sin?

3. Read 2 Samuel 12: 1-7a: In what manner did Nathan confront David? What is Nathan's objective in confronting David?
4. From Joey's message on Sunday, how should Biblical confrontation be approached? What are the proper steps to Biblical confrontation?
5. Reflect on past confrontations. Whether you confronted someone or someone confronted you, what were some of the results of the confrontation?
6. What lessons can be learned from past confrontations?