

Sermon Discussion Questions
Staying on Top of Conflict
Selected Passages
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Prior to discussing the following questions, take time to study “The Slippery Slope” diagram.

1. Read Proverbs 19:11. When is it appropriate and beneficial to overlook an offense? Share a specific example.
2. Read Matthew 5:23-24. When it is necessary to be reconciled with another person? Share a specific example.
3. As we move from left to right along the slippery slope, more people will get involved in the form of mediation, arbitration, and church accountability. If you are able to do so, please share about a personal conflict in which you and the other person benefited from an objective person’s counsel, wisdom, and direction.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Author Ken Sande writes, *“When I resort to an escape response, I am generally focusing on “me.” I am looking for what is easy, convenient, or non-threatening for myself. When I use an attack response, I am generally focusing on “you,” blaming you and expecting you to give in and solve the problem. When I use a peacemaking response, my focus is on “us.” I am aware of everyone’s interests in the dispute, especially God’s, and I am working toward mutual responsibility in solving a problem.”* How can a conflict provide an opportunity to do the following: Glorify God, minister to others, and become more like Christ?

