



## RESOLVING CONFLICT: The Allowance (9/1/2019)

**Matthew 5:23-24** "So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, **24** leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

We are to be the ones who take the \_\_\_\_\_  
to resolve conflict.

**Matthew 5:38-39** "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' **39** But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.

Jesus is saying that we need to give up our \_\_\_\_\_  
to get even.

**Romans 12:17-19** Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. **18** Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. **19** Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

God doesn't want us to take \_\_\_\_\_.

God wants us to overreact with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Colossians 3:13-14** Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **14**

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.*

Jesus wants us to be known for our \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 6:7** Even to have such lawsuits with one another is a defeat for you. Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated?

It's better to be \_\_\_\_\_ than to seek revenge.

**Proverbs 15:1 CSB** A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.

### Discussion Questions

**Icebreaker:** What has been your best memory this Summer?

1. Read Rom 12:17-19 & discuss what stands out to you.
2. Share about a time when someone wronged you. How did you respond?
3. Tell about a time when you chose to forgive someone.
4. Share about a recent conflict in your life?
5. Is there anything this group can pray for?