

Main Idea: When we move toward reconciliation with others, we display to the world the love of a God who moved toward reconciliation with us.

Connecting

What was most memorable to you from the message?

What is the most powerful—or potentially dangerous—tool you've ever used?

Understanding

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20a

If reconciliation means "the restoring of relationship," how did God reconcile us to himself?

How would you explain the role reconciliation plays in the Gospel?

What does it mean to you that God gave us the ministry of reconciliation?

Living

Read Ephesians 4:2-3, Proverbs 27:17, and Hebrews 10:24. How would you describe "speaking the truth in love"? What might this look like in a "heated discussion"?

What are the dangers of avoiding conflict altogether?

Which of these steps are most difficult for you when dealing with conflict: make a move...admit my fault...listen and understand...speak the truth in love...focus on forgiveness and accept consequences?

Read Romans 12:18. Have you ever found it difficult to live at peace with those around you? Have you come up with any strategies for making it work?

Reflecting on the entire "It's Complicated" series (connection, loneliness, authenticity, forgiveness, conflict), what's one of your take-aways?

Next Week: Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 3:20-21