

Conflict

Challenge: Unequally Yoked Oxen...what do you see in this picture?

Questions to consider:

How do you deal with conflict?

What happens when issues aren't dealt with?

Have you ever had a teammate kicked off the team?

What's going on: Jesus had communicated his desire for people to be in a right relationship with Him. Not only is being in right relationship with God important, but it's important for us to be in right relationships with others. Conflict however arrives between us all in various degrees. All too often conflicts are not addressed or if addressed they aren't in a loving way. Jesus lays out the steps for us to deal with conflict with the ultimate goal of restoration.

Game Time: Matthew 18:15-17

1. What is the right way to deal with conflict?
2. What is the purpose for dealing with conflict?
3. How do you treat someone who refuses to listen when they are in the wrong?

Key Verse: "...If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private..." Matthew 18:15

Anchor to remember:

- Conflict handled correctly promotes great respect and earns trust