



Session 5

Comparison

Comparison is the desire to fit in and stand out. What do you think about this definition?

Discuss: How do you typically respond to conflict? Why? Which of the response that we discussed on Sunday is your go to response “person”?

- Avenger
- Concealer
- Avoider
- Negotiator

What have you discovered to be the key to Reconciliation?

Read: Colossians 1:19–20

- As the work of reconciliation is central to the ministry of Jesus, so it will show up in the lives of his followers. How might we take part in his work of reconciliation?
- Are there any relationships in your own life that you think could benefit from the blessing of reconciliation?
- If reconciliation is central to the ministry of Jesus, do you think all Christians have to be pacifists?

Read Genesis 33 and the story of Jacob and Esau

- What is the context to this story?
- What are the steps we can learn from this story about how we can reconcile with people we have broken relationships with?

Helpful Quotes

“When our mouths are empty of praise for others, it is probably because our hearts are full of love for self.” – “Practicing Affirmation “ by Sam Crabtree

Our Favourite Reading about Comparison

“Transforming Friendship” by John Wyatt

“I'd Like You More if You Were More like Me“ by John Ortberg

“JBC Must Reads: On Conflict” by *David Powlison et al*