

SERMON NOTES

Date: March 11, 2018

Series: Messy Church

Title: How to Handle Lawsuits Among Believers

Text: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Big Idea: Conflict is a part of life in this fallen world, but Christians can handle conflict in a way that reflects the love and wisdom of God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Why are lawsuits among believers so harmful to the body of Christ? _____

Is there ever a time when a Christian is free sue another believer? Why or why not? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

Conflicts are sure to come in this fallen world, even in the church. So, how can your identity in Christ equip you with the perspective you need to respond to conflicts and personal offenses with truth and grace (v. 2-6)? _____

How can suing another believer, or handling conflicts with believers in an ungodly way be a loss, not a win? Think of an example in your own life. What is at stake if you fail to respond with patience, love, and forgiveness? _____

Think of a costly relationship in your life. How do the ideas of *gaining by losing* and *the right of being wronged* apply to that relationship? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Unresolved conflicts with fellow believers may be an indication of greater spiritual problems going on in your heart. If you have unresolved conflicts, what might be going on under the surface, and how does God's Word instruct you to respond? What hope do you have even if reconciliation seems unlikely or impossible?
