

*That Thing Called Love #7*

## Reconciliations

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

Song of Solomon 6:4–8:4

#### Discussion Questions

1. When was the last time you had a conflict with a family member or a friend? How did it end?
2. In biblical conflict resolution, unconditional love must be upheld even in the most hurting of arguments (v. 6:4-7). Why is unconditional love crucial in conflict resolution? What does it mean to unconditionally love someone even in conflict? How does having a disposition of love towards one another affect how conflicts are handled?
3. In conflicts, our natural tendency is to take revenge on the person who we think has wronged us. Discuss why having this attitude is detrimental to relationships. Has this ever happened to you? How did you feel? How do you think can a person who is struggling with bitterness breakthrough and move on?
4. Biblical conflict resolution must involve a desire to forgive (v. 6:8-11). What does it mean to forgive? Can we forgive someone who is not sorry for what he/she did? How are you able to forgive, and how are you able to mend hurt feelings? How do you know if you have already forgiven?
5. Lastly, biblical conflict resolution must result into increased closeness and intimacy (v. 6:13–8:4). What does it mean to have more intimacy in your relationships? How do you make sure that you work towards that end? How do you deal with indifference in relationships?

### Walk

In your Christian walk, there will be many times you will meet someone who is different from you or someone who you may not get comfortable with. Even among followers of Christ, there will still be times of disagreement simply because we all have different desires and preferences, and we all have a sinful, human nature. The challenge is not to avoid or ignore conflicts but to learn how to properly carry out biblical conflict resolution. Is there someone with whom you are in conflict? How can you apply the three principles of biblical reconciliation in mending your relationship with that person?

### Worship & Prayer

*Father, when I chose to reject Your Word, when I chose to neglect Your call, when I chose to disobey Your commands, when I chose to follow my own desires instead of Yours, I have put in between us a gap that grows bigger every time I sin. But because of Your unconditional love and Your desire to forgive me, You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to die in my place to pay the price for my sins, so that through Him I can have a close, intimate relationship with You. Thank You, Father, for that gift of mercy and grace. I love because You first loved me. Enable me to draw closer to You everyday and to give to others the same love and forgiveness You've given me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*