

# Weekly Discussion Guide – 9-17-2023

## “In the Beginning Was Conflict” Genesis 3:6-13

1. How did your family deal with conflict as you were growing up?
2. In times of conflict which of the following are you most likely to tell yourself?  
You can choose more than one:  
Victim Stories – “It’s not my fault”  
Villain Stories – “It’s all their fault”  
Helpless Stories – “There’s nothing else I can do”
3. Read Genesis 3:6-13. Do you see in this passage Adam and Eve telling victim stories, villain stories, or helpless stories? Do you have any other observations from this passage?
4. Write up to three positive statements you could adopt about conflict. (e.g., “The cross of Christ means that amazing things can follow moments of intense conflict,” “I don’t have to agree with someone to learn from them”)
5. We said together in the sermon, “We do conflict.” How does it feel to say that out loud? Is it true for you currently? Do you want it to be true for you?
6. Think about some of the conflicts you have had in your life. Choose one to apply what we learned in this sermon: “Where there is conflict, there is complement.” What complement can you find in that conflict?
7. Is there a place of conflict in your life right now that you want to begin praying about during this sermon series? Ask for God to do not just conflict resolution but *conflict transformation*.