

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND FREE METHODIST CHURCH
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
SUN JAN 28, 2018 PASTOR ADRIAN COLLINS

A Sermon and Small Group Series on
BUILDING BRIDGES
How to Handle Conflict in Your Relationships



#2 THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

Based on the message given by Pastor Adrian Collins on Sunday January 28, 2018. It can be listened to at www.islandfmc.ca

1. Read John 17:20-23. What do you think unity among Christians looks like? Why is unity so difficult to achieve?

2. How would you explain the gospel to someone who had never heard it before? Read Colossians 1:19-22. What are the key elements in this description of the gospel?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. What does this new life in Christ look like? What does it mean that you are an ambassador for Christ? How are you acting as a minister of reconciliation in your relationships?

4. Read Colossians 3:1-15. How should your new life in Christ affect your relationships with others? What “old clothing” do you struggle to take off? What “new clothing” do you struggle to put on?

5. Read and reflect on this quote from Tim Keller “All change comes from deepening your understanding of the salvation of Christ and living out the changes that understanding creates in your heart. Faith in the gospel restructures our motivations, our self-understanding, our identity, and our view of the world. Behavioural compliance to rules without heart-change will be superficial and fleeting... Our problems arise largely because we don't continually return to the gospel to work in it and live it out.”



Ask each person for any prayer requests. Pray for those requests, and close by asking the Lord to help us build bridges in our relationships.

Prayer Requests

