



A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast

Listening Guide – Conflict Episodes

Episode	Guest	Question	Timestamp
Episode 13	Carl Horton, Coordinator, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program	What are some tips for addressing/navigating conflict in the church?	21:23
Episode 30	Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather, Mission Co-worker, South Sudan	How can we as Christians work for peace in communities we are not a part of? How do we walk the delicate line between trying to support peace and reconciliation amongst communities we are not from or that we are not directly connected with, but without imposing our own ideas and values on their peace process?	25:12
Episode 82	Rev. Dr. David Anderson Hooker, Founder & Principal Narrator, CounterStories Consulting, llc	Does anyone have guidance on how a church or faith-based organization should overcome internal conflict or deal with change? What makes this process different or unique from how a business or for-profit organizations would handle change? Are there things that churches could learn from how other organizations manage change and conflict?	28:36
Episode 100	Ben Daniel, Pastor at Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland CA	We hear about how Christians are called to be peacemakers and how pacifism aligns with Jesus' teachings, as opposed to violence. But is violence (or war) ever justified to resolve a conflict or situation? How should we navigate this as Christians?	17:55

Looking to go deeper on issues of conflict with [A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast](#)? This listening guide outlines a list of 10 of our favorite conversations with our guests about conflict. We provide the accompanying questions for you to use to reflect on these episodes. These questions could be used for individual or group study. All links and resources mentioned are in each episode's show notes.

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Reflection Questions

What are 3 words that came up during these podcasts that stuck out to you?

How have you seen conflict handled in your church, congregation or faith community? How can you apply some of the tips and guidance offered by our podcast guests?

After listening to these episodes, has your perspective on conflict changed? If so, how?

Are there certain issues that cause conflict in your community? What are they? How could they be addressed or resolved differently?