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Series: Hometown  
Part 4: Resolving Conflict in Community  
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1. Ted has mentioned some of the concerns for our community. What do you see that is broken and how can the church or you specifically help?
2. How has someone you know helped the community he or she lives in?
3. What kind of things should make us angry? How can we keep from sinning when we are angry?
4. What were some of the issues some of the Jews brought to Nehemiah found in chapter 5? **(No food during the famine, mortgaging their fields to pay for something to eat, selling children into slavery.)**
5. What did Nehemiah do in response to this conflict? **(Admitted it, told the offenders to give back property and no longer charge interest. Nehemiah himself did not take and consume what other governors did.)**
6. What are four ways to respond to conflict? Hint: They all begin with D. **(deny, dismiss, delay, direct)**. Which way do you tend to respond?
7. What are the five ways to resolve conflict in a healthy way, in church and in general? **(Confront issues head on. Process your thought and words before you confront. Confront only those involved in the conflict. Accept blame and make immediate changes. Model the behavior you want to see in others.)**
8. Who do you know who pauses, thinks, and measures his/her words carefully when conflict arises? How does that skill affect the conversation?
9. Do people tend to involve others not involved in their conflict? Why? How has gossip caused you or someone you know harm?
10. Why does accepting blame create an atmosphere of reconciliation? Have you ever accepted blame in a situation that you felt was not your fault? Why? What was the outcome?
11. When have you confronted someone? In what way were your words well chosen or not? What was the outcome?
12. Nehemiah prayed; “Remember me with favor, my God, for all I have done for these people.” Do you feel God has blessed you when you’ve taken care of people and led in a way pleasing to Him?