

Rule of Christ

Video Users Guide

This training video is designed for use by groups within a congregation as a tool to build healthy ministry together. It is a companion to "The Rule of Christ for the Church" manual found on the conference website at umcnic.org/ruleofchrist.

The Rule of Christ is not a conflict resolution technique: it is a communication tool, a way of sharpening our skills when having crucial conversations. The video may be helpful to pastors, staff parish relations committees, or in a small group study, church council or any group that wishes to sharpen their communication skills.

The hour-long video is divided into six segments that can be viewed in one session or divided into several sessions. If viewing the video in one session, be sure to allow time for discussion between segments. If viewing the video in segments, there will be natural stopping points for conversation. We encourage a time of interaction and sharing as part of the overall learning process.

Throughout the video, you will be introduced to tools for healthy conversations. The final segment includes an outline following Matthew 18 that can be developed into a complaint procedure for your church's Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Case studies are included in both the video and the manual for additional discussion and learning.

Video Outline

Segment 1: Welcome and Introduction (:05-6:30)

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- History
- Manual and Resources found on Conference Website: www.umcnic.org
- Introducing the Trainers

Segment 2: An Overview of Communication Challenges (6:32-20:22)

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- Triangles
- Mutual Invitation
- Respectful Communications

Segment 3: The Rule of Christ (20:30 -42:00)

Step 1: Look at Yourself (Matt 18:8-9)

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Step 2: One on One (Matt 18:15)

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Step 3: Get Some Objective Help (Matt. 18:16)

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Step 4: Take it to the Church (Matt 19:17a)

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Step 5: Shake the Dust (Matt 18:17b)

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Step 6: God is There (Matt 18:20)

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Segment 4: Case Study Options (42:19 -47.28)

- The Jesus Model – A DS Challenged
- Two Paths – Vicky's Story
- A Trustee's Dilemma
- Applying the Rule of Christ – Sally's Story

Segment 5: Guidelines for the SPRC (51:40)

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Segment 6: Wrap Up and Next Steps (1:00:25)

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