

## Instructions Not Included

When it comes to repairing relationships, no one responds well to being convinced, coerced, convicted or controlled. Yet we try those approaches over and over again.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. If someone were to examine your past (and perhaps current) strained relationships, what grade would they give you in terms of the effort you put into repairing those relationships? Why?
- 2. Which of these four relational tools do you reach for first when conflict arises? Convince? Coerce? Convict? Control?
- 3. Do you have friends or family members who are estranged from members of their families? From where you sit, what's keeping the feud alive?
- 4. If you are estranged from a friend or family member, what's stopping you from taking steps to repair it?
- 5. Read **Philippians 2:1–8**. What stands out to you? How could applying some of the phrases you read help you take steps in repairing a relationship?