

## Theme 2: Family and Relational Conflicts

### What is the role and place of the church in Sekiwunga in responding to the crisis of Family and Relational Conflicts?

- **Intercession for families:** The church is called to intercede through prayer for families in crisis, helping to restore peace and unity by spiritually supporting them.
- **Teaching conflict resolution:** The church should actively teach families how to resolve conflicts peacefully through effective communication and understanding, ensuring that minor disagreements do not escalate.
- **Promoting family prayer:** By encouraging families to pray together, the church can foster a sense of unity and shared purpose, reducing relational conflicts and strengthening bonds within the family.

### Question 2: What are three practical steps that the church in Uganda can take to respond to Family and Relational Conflicts?

1. **Counselling and prayer:** Establish regular counselling sessions and intercessory prayer for families facing conflict. This spiritual support can help families navigate their crises.
2. **Teaching effective communication:** The church should offer workshops on communication skills and conflict resolution, teaching families how to speak respectfully and listen to one another.
3. **Engage government support:** Work with the government to address economic challenges, which often exacerbate family conflicts. Initiatives like starting family-based projects can alleviate stress and improve family relations.

### Question 3: What are three practical steps that your church community can take to respond to the crisis of Family and Relational Conflicts?

1. **Encourage regular family prayer:** Teach families to pray together, fostering unity and helping them face challenges with a collective mindset.
2. **Preach the gospel of peace:** As Jesus is referred to as the "Prince of Peace," the church should emphasise the role of peace in family relationships through preaching and example.
3. **Be a role model:** Church members, including pastors and leaders, should lead by example in their family lives, demonstrating good communication and peaceful conflict resolution. This will inspire others to follow similar practices.

The feedback highlights the church's vital role in both spiritual and practical support for families, with an emphasis on prayer, teaching conflict resolution, and fostering unity through both actions and words.