



- The kingdom of God brings the **peace** of God.

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts...Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

- The king of the kingdom establishes the **attitudes** of the Kingdom.
- War doesn't bring peace it brings **justice** and **protection**.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Together they will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them; for he is Lord over all lords, and King of kings, and his people are the called and chosen and faithful ones. Revelations 17:14 (TLB)

When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you... Deuteronomy 20:1

Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. Psalms 144:1

The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Exodus 15:3

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3:8

Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13

While we are always ready to defend and protect what God has entrusted to us, we first do all we can to **prevent** war and promote **peace**.

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- Peace is a **heart** issue.

Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. James 4:1

What peacemaking is not:

- Not **avoiding** conflict.
- Not **appeasing** others.
- Not winning an **argument**.

- Why we enter conflict will reflect **how** we **act** in conflict.

Definition: Peacemaker - Someone who enters conflict to reconcile people to God and to one another.

- The primary purpose of a peacemaker in conflict is **reconciliation**.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18 (NIV)

- When we focus on resolution, we tend to try to fix the **person** rather than the problem.

God has restored our relationship with him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships. God was in Christ restoring his relationship with humanity. He didn't hold people's faults against them, and he has given us this message of restored relationships to tell others. We are Christ's representatives... We beg you on behalf of Christ to become reunited with God. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (GWT)

We first seek to reconcile people to **God**.

We **promote** reconciliation with others.

'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Luke 10:27 (NLT)

To be peacemakers:

- We need peace **with God** to have the peace of God.

...since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Romans 5:1 (NLT)

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

- Peace with God changes how we **address** conflict.

"Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness." James 3:18 (NLT)

The way we plant peace is:

- We make peace our responsibility and **priority**.

"If you're standing before the altar in the Temple, giving an offering to God, and you suddenly remember someone has something against you, leave your offering there beside the altar. Go at once and first be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your gift to God." Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)

- Seek to **understand**, before seeking to be understood.

...be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. James 1:19 (NLT)

- I deal with my **fear**.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

- I speak the **truth** tactfully with **love**.

...speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ... Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Why is this attitude of the kingdom difficult for our natural man to accept?
- In your own words, why does the world need God's peace?
- Why is peace a heart issue?
- Talk about the definition of peacemaker and why is that needed in today's culture?
- Why is the primary purpose of a peacemaker reconciliation?
- Why do we need to have peace with God to have the peace of God?
- Do you agree that when we have peace with God within, what happens around us doesn't upset us? Explain.
- How do we make peace our personal responsibility and priority?
- How do we seek to understand before being understood?
- How does our fear interfere with making peace?

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