



Peacemaking Takes Practice

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1 Corinthians 10:31-33; Phil 4:2-9; James 4:1-3, Mt 7:3-5; Col
3:5-14, Galatians 6:1-2; Eph 4:1-3
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Sermon Summary

Sometimes we can make something more difficult than it needs to be. The truth is we can't control the outcomes of our efforts at making peace. We can control our approach. The seventh piece of peacemaking is to prepare ourselves for the conversations. This week we will learn a simple process of preparation for the act of peacemaking.

Discussion Questions

What are your plans for Memorial Day Weekend?

Who do you know that seems to be really good at making peace with others?

How might this help mend a relationship with somebody that you are in conflict with?

READ 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

In light of this passage, where is our freedom and where are our boundaries?

Have a few group members turn to the passages that coincide with each step in the Steps to Peacemaking list below (you just read the passage for the first one).

Talk through each step, discussing the passage and the step. Consider these questions while discussing each step:

1. What is God asking *me* to do in this situation?
2. How might this help my relationships, especially those where there is conflict?
3. What is at stake if I ignore this?



Steps to Peacemaking

Step 1: God's Glory is the Goal (1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

Step 2: Get the Log Out and Get God's Love In (Colossians 3:1-15)

Step 3: Gently Restore (Galatians 6:1)

Step 4: Go and Be Reconciled (Matthew 5:23-24 and 18:15)

How can the group pray for you as you work through these things?

Peacemakers have a plan!

Memory Passage

1 Corinthians 10:23-24 - 23 "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. 24 No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

Verses We Read Together in Worship

Songs We Sang Together in Worship

Relentless

Tremble

Touch of Heaven

Living Hope

Additional Resources Mentioned

Peacemakers Ministries - <https://www.peacemakerministries.org/>

PAUSE Principle of Negotiating (from Peacemaker Ministries)

Prepare

Affirm relationships

Understand interests

Search for creative solutions

Evaluate options objectively

