



On Turning Cheeks and Turning Tables

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Matthew 5:38-42; 21:12-13

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Sermon Summary

Peacemaking by definition doesn't start with peace. It starts with conflict. Peacemaking demands the peacemaker actually enter the conflict. Sometimes we confront a false, co-dependent pseudo-peace. Sometimes we turn the other cheek. The sixth piece of peacemaking is to determine the right response. This week we talk about peacemaking responses.

Discussion Questions

Do you have any grads in your family? How many grad parties do you have to go to in the coming weeks?

What is your general response when you have been wronged?

READ Matthew 5:38-42

This is one of those tough passages that is difficult to comply with at times. Did the sermon shed any new light on this for you? Discuss your thoughts.

The list of things that Jesus walks through aren't always understood well in our current culture. Briefly discuss Pastor Ben's description of these things.

Can you think of some modern-day equivalents to these?

3 Filters for Peacemaking:

1. Guard against revenge and violence
2. Respond actively and stay engaged
3. Respond constructively



READ Matthew 21:12-16

How have you always understood this passage?

Discuss Pastor Ben's guidelines for Righteous anger:

1. Evil is no excuse for evil
2. Measured and appropriate
3. Motive of Righteousness
4. Goal of Peace

How can the group pray for you this week?

**Christ-followers are called into conflict
with a peacemaking response.
(Peace = The Goal)**

Memory Passage

John 14:25-27 - "25 All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Verses We Read Together in Worship

John 14:25-27

Songs We Sang Together in Worship

Only King Forever
One Thing Remains
King of My Heart
Battle Belongs

