



Called to Connect (Matthew 5:9)

Sunday, March 10, 2024

-I Corinthians 7:15; II Corinthians 13:11, Colossians 3:15

*Peacemakers are proactive, not _____.

*Peacemakers are _____, not doormats.

-Romans 14:19, Ephesians 4:3, Psalm 34:14

C _____ - _____

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

Peace always has a _____!

O _____ **UP** (Matthew 5:23-24)

N _____ **SELF-CENTREDNESS**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

N _____ **PERSONAL ATTACKS**

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. (Proverbs 15:1) (also Ephesians 4:29)

E **EMPHASIZE** _____

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; (II Corinthians 5:18)

C _____ **THE ALTERNATIVE**

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (James 3:17,18)

- When I sow problems instead of peace it destroys my fellowship with the _____. (I Peter 3:7)
- When I sow problems instead of peace my _____ peace is messed up. (Proverbs 12:20)

T **TRUST** _____

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. (Col. 3:15)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1: What was the worst conflict you ever witnessed or overheard? What emotions did it create in you?
- Q2: Have you ever experienced a moment of miraculous relational reconciliation? If so, describe.
- Q3: Study Romans 5:1-11. What principles can you learn about interpersonal peace? What does this passage teach us about our relationship with the Lord?
- Q4: Why do you think it is so hard for many of us to make the first move when it comes to peacemaking?
- Q5: Study Psalm 120. What is God the Spirit saying to you through this ancient song?
- Q6: What unhealthy/unhelpful method of conflict resolution do you find you tend to go back to? What do you think God would have you do differently in order to break the cycle?
- Q7: What do the following verses teach you about reconciliation?
Acts 3:19, Hebrews 12:14, Luke 23:34, Colossian 1:19-23, Matthew 18:15-17
- Q8: Is there someone you need to initiate a "peace conference" with? If so, who/when/how?