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Giving Peace a Chance

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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons of God." - Jesus, Matthew 5:9

In life there are...

...peace takers.

An angry person starts fights; a hot-tempered person commits all kinds of sin. Proverbs 29:22 (NLT)

...peace fakers.

They lead my people astray, saying, "Peace," when there is no peace, and when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with whitewash. Ezekiel 13:10 (NIV)

...peace makers.

'Shalom': I want there to be all the goodness and all the blessings that God has for you to be present in your life.

How do I become a 'peacemaker'?

Be proactive.

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. Proverbs 25:21 (NIV)

Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Romans 12:14 (NLT)

"If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow. You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!" -Jesus, Matthew 5:39-44 (NLT)



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Treat some words as wind.

The words of the despairing man is for the wind. Job 6:26

Let my love cover.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

BE different.

Make it a priority.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." -Jesus, Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

For my LifeGroup and my accountability time...

Grow On Purpose Opener: Each person share a time when the group touched/impacted you deeply.

Why do you think peace making is so high on Jesus' list?

Talk about the difference between peace 'faking' and peace making?
Have you ever faked peace?

Read together Jesus words in Matthew 5:39-44.

Talk about what you see here.

Talk about how difficult it would be to do this and why.

Discuss together the 'pro-active' nature of peace making. Ask someone to share a recent incident where peace making would have saved them a lot of trouble in the end.

Talk and pray together about any incident in which peace needs to be made.