

Peace

Small Group Questions Continued

3. Read Romans 12:9-18. Read it aloud in a round. In the space below, write down the parts of this passage that help you understand how to seek peace and resolve conflict.

Of the things you listed, which of these would you say you do very well?
Which of these do you need to work on more?

4. Danny said, "Choose to love others by choosing to do what's best for them." Read Matthew 7:12.

How can choosing to do what's best for others lead to peace in our relationships? Who do you need to love this way? What's holding you back?

What do you need to do this week to be at peace with people?

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are_____.

I'm accountable for_____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is_____.

This coming week, I'm praying for:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Message Notes Danny Anderson

Being at odds with_____steals away our peace.

It is not an enemy who taunts me—I could bear that. It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult me— I could have hidden from them. Instead, it is you—my equal, my companion and **close friend**. What good fellowship we once enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God. *Psalm 55:12-14*

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and **peace** on earth to those with whom God is pleased." *Luke 2:14*

_____ is what creates and sustains peace in any relationship.

Love is doing what is_____for another.

This is how God showed his **love** among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. *1 John 4:9*

The second is this: 'You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.' There are no other commandments greater than these. *Mark 12:31*

"Do not seek **revenge** or bear a **grudge** against a fellow Israelite, but **love** your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." *Leviticus 19:18*

Do to others as you wish they would do for you. *Matthew 7:12*

Even though it's hard, we are still called to peace.

If possible, so far as it **depends on you**, live peaceably with all. *Romans 12:18*

"Have salt in yourselves, and be at **peace** with one another." *Mark 9:50*

"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." *Matthew 5:23-24*

How do we do it?

You must_____to_____.

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. *1 John 4:8*

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Who do you need to love?

What do you need to do?

For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE – State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 55:12-14. Nothing can wreck your peace quicker than being at odds with someone close to you. This holiday season, what conflict are you already experiencing? What kinds of conflicts are you anticipating?

Here's the tough question...what would you claim as your part in the conflict?

2. Read Ephesians 2:13-18. The good news of Christmas is that we can have peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ. What would motivate God to send Jesus into this world to provide an avenue for reconciliation with Him?

Read 1 John 4:9-10 and John 3:16-17. How does God's example, of doing what was needed for reconciliation, encourage you to seek peace in your relationships? Ultimately, what motivates you to resolve those personal conflicts?

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Revelation 4:1-11	MONDAY Revelation 5:1-14	TUESDAY Revelation 6:1-17
this week	december 13	december 14	december 15
WEDNESDAY Revelation 7:1-17	THURSDAY Revelation 8:1-13	FRIDAY Revelation 9:1-21	SATURDAY Revelation 10:1-11
december 16	december 17	december 18	december 19
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE 1 John 4:9			