

SERMON: Live in Peace
SERIES: Love Your Enemies
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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:18; 2 Corinthians 5.

SERMON OUTLINE: I. What it means to live peaceably. II. What compels us to live peaceably. III. How to live peaceably

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. In Romans 12:18 "live peaceably" means to cultivate or pursue peace. Are there any specific relationships where you need to cultivate peace (not just the absence of conflict, but reconciliation)?
2. Review 2 Corinthians 5:1-15 together. What truths does Paul use to compel us toward peace and reconciliation? Think through what God has done for us in the past and what he will do for us in the future. How do these impact your present conflict? (note: like we said earlier in this series there is no promise that the other person will be receptive of your efforts).
3. Read Matthew 5:23-24. Is there anyone that you have offended? How can you humbly seek restoration this week?
4. Read Matthew 18:15-17. Is there anyone that has offended you? How can you humbly approach them seeking restoration this week?

Prayer: Praise God that he has reconciled you to himself. Confess any ways that you have offended others. Confess ways that you have failed to pursue peace. Ask God to empower you to trust his peace in you as you pursue peace with others.