

## **Elective: Perfect Peace in the Midst of Conflict**

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### ***Recommended Resources***

The PeaceMaker by Ken Sande

Peacemaking for Families by Sande/Raabe

Making Peace by Jim Van Yperen

### ***4 Big Parts Overview***

Glorify God

Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye

Go and Show Your Brother His Fault

Go and Be Reconciled

### ***Schedule***

Sept 4—Intro, Survey Sandy

Sept 11—Conflict is Opportunity, Sandy

Sept 18—Live in Peace, Trust God, Sandy/TBD

Sept 25—Examine the Costs, Examine Yourself, Greg

Oct 2—By God's Grace, Free Yourself, Greg

Oct 9—Christmas in October

Oct 16—Approach Others Lovingly, Sandy

Oct 23—Communicate Lovingly, Sandy

Oct 30—Forgive as God has Forgiven You, Greg

Nov 6—Look and Overcome, Greg

Nov 13—Continued, Greg/TBD

Nov 20—Testimonies, Closing thoughts, survey Sandy

## **Today's Discussion #1: Why Do We Strive for Peace?**

**Group Question:** Name a point of conflict this past week.

God is and loves peace—It is an outflowing of His love revealed best in His sending of Christ to restore peace in our relationship with God.

*(Phil 4:7, 9; Col. 1:19-20; Rom 5:1-2)*

Jesus provides peace—His sacrifice makes peace (unity) possible between nations and among His people.

*(Eph. 2:11-16)*

Jesus prayed to God for our unity—It is a reflection of the unity of the Godhead. So that the world would believe Jesus truly is the Son of God.

*(Jn17:20-23)*

The Epistles emphasize the need for peace—it is an outpouring of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

*(Eph. 4:1-3; Gal 5:22-23; Rom. 15:5-7; Col 3:13-15)*

**Today's Discussion #2:** What would be a helpful way for you to view conflict? Answer according to K Sande book: Opportunity