



THE PROMISE OF *Peace*

TALK IT OVER

Peace in My Relationships

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions toward the end of the document.

Scriptures Used:

Romans 12:18, Matthew 5:9, Romans 8:28

Questions:

1. Romans 12:18 says, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." We could be one apology away from healing a relationship. If we know this could be true, what are some reasons we don't do this?
2. When we forgive someone, how does that show God's character?
3. Have you found it harder to apologize or to forgive someone?
4. As Christians we are called to forgive, as Christ forgave us. How can we hold bitterness towards others in our hearts if we are followers of Jesus Christ? How does this grieve the Holy Spirit?
5. In Matthew 5:9, we are told, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Confession to one another is a tool for making peace in a relationship. Why is it difficult and how could Jesus' example help us?
6. What is the connection between healing and forgiveness?

7. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” One of Pastor Rick Warren’s sayings is, “Never waste a hurt.”. What does this mean to you?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you’ve learned today?*

Small Group Action Steps

1. Consider taking the Group Health Assessment in your small group. This assessment will help you see how your small group is balancing the five purposes and will give you suggested next steps for each purpose. Click here to take the Group Health Assessment:

<https://saddleback.com/connect/smallgroups#spiritualCheckup>

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