

better together ~ Part 6

The pathway to peaceful relationships

Blessed are the peacemakers... Matthew 5:9 NIV

You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. Matthew 5:9 Message

⁷ So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. ⁹ Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. James 4:7-10 NLT

We Need to Have Peace with God.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Romans 5:1 NLT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

We Need to Have Peace with People.

¹¹ Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

¹² God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?

James 4:11-12 NLT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Journey Group Discussion

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Read James 4:7-10 and Romans 5:1

We said first: **We Need to Have Peace with God.**

There were three ways that we respond. From these passages, explain what each step means (and doesn't mean).

1. Humble yourself.
2. Come close.
3. Receive grace.

Read James 4:11-12

We said: **We Need to Have Peace with People.**

The pathway to peace with people parallels the path to peace with God. Compare these steps to the steps to respond to get peace with God. How does each one work out in our relationships?

1. Humble yourself.
2. Get close.
3. Show grace.

Have you experienced peace with God?

Talk about how this can help you experience peace in your relationships.