

## **Life Group Discussion Questions**

**Sermon Series:** peaceFULL – Overcoming Relational Conflict

**Sermon Title:** Part 1 – Glorify God

**Sermon Date:** 4-28-19

**Gospel Gain:** Conflict provides the opportunity to display the love and power of God in our lives.

### **Gathering Together** (Icebreaker)

What percentage of relationships do you think encounter issues of conflict?

What factors do you think contribute to these relational conflicts?

### **Growing Together** (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we will see how God wants us to become peacemakers in our relationships. In this study, we will learn how to glorify God even in the challenges of relational conflict.

Pastor Jon talked about three groups of possible responses to conflict. Discuss these groups – ***escape responses***, ***attack responses*** and ***peacemaking responses***. What is the focus of each of these responses?

Peacemaking responses...

**Overlook an offense. Read:** *Psalms 19:11*

What does it mean to overlook an offense and why would this be important in peacemaking?

**Reconciliation. Read:** *Matthew 5:23-24*

How would you define or describe reconciliation?

Why would this be helpful to the process of peacemaking?

**Negotiation. Read:** *Philippians 2:4*

What do you think Christian negotiation should look like?

Should it look different than non-Christian negotiation and if so, how?

**Mediation. Read:** *Matthew 18:16*

How could bringing a mediator into a conflict situation be helpful to finding peace?

**Arbitration. Read:** *1 Corinthians 6:1-8*

What are the issues being raised in this passage?

How could having an arbitrator be helpful to the process of finding peace?

**Accountability. Read:** *Matthew 18:17*

How can accountability be critical to the process of finding peace?

What makes relational accountability challenging? How can we overcome those challenges?

**Read:** *1 Corinthians 10:31*

When facing a conflict, why would it be wise to process this question – ***How can I honor and please God in this situation?***

**Conflict gives us the opportunity to trust God. Read:** *Proverbs 3:5-7*

What would trusting God look like in a conflict situation?

**Conflict gives us the opportunity to obey God. Read:** *John 15:8*

What would obeying God look like in a conflict situation?

**Conflict gives us the opportunity to imitate God. Read:** *Ephesians 5:1-2*

What characteristics of God might we imitate in a conflict situation?

**Conflict gives us the opportunity to acknowledge God. Read:** *Philippians 2:13*

How would displaying the love and power of God in our conflict situations bring glory to God?

**Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

Are you facing a relational conflict? If so, how can this group pray for you.

Is there a principle from this study that you hope to apply to that situation?

**Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.