

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: peaceFULL – Overcoming Relational Conflict

Sermon Title: Part 3 – Gently Restore

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Gospel Gain: Pursue relational restoration by speaking the truth in love.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

The Bible challenges us to speak the truth in love. What are the possible pros and cons of just speaking the truth to someone without love? What are the possible pros and cons of speaking to someone with all love and no truth?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we will see how God wants us to become peacemakers in our relationships. In today's study, we will look at wise practices to apply when it comes to speaking the truth in love to someone in a peacemaking conversation.

Discuss the 10 wise practices for a peacemaking that were shared in the message...

1. Pursue speck removal with grace only after personal beam removal.

Read: Matthew 7:3-5

Why is personal beam removal a priority to this conversation?

What would it look like to engage this conversation with grace?

2. Be careful of jumping to conclusions without all of the facts.

How might this practice be wise when entering a peacemaking conversation?

3. Speak from a place of humility rather than condemnation.

How might humility set a better tone for this conversation than condemnation?

4. Choose the right time and place to meet.

Why is this important to a healthy conversation?

5. Talk in person whenever possible.

Read: Matthew 18:15

This verse is in the context of a process of healthy steps to conflict resolution. What makes a face to face conversation more valuable than other forms?

6. Listen to understand and speak to be understood.

Read: James 1:19

What does this passage point out about healthy conversations?

7. Prayerfully plan the words you hope to share.

Why would it be helpful to think through what you want to say when entering a peacemaking conversation?

Read: 2 Samuel 12:1-13

What can we learn from the approach that Nathan takes with King David?

8. Speak with “I” statements.

How does this practice produce healthier conversations?

9. Use the Bible as the standard of objective truth.

Read: Ephesians 4:29

Why would it be important to measure our words according to scriptural standards?

10. Seek possible solutions while recognizing your limits.

Read: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

What does this passage tell us about healthy peacemaking conversations?

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.