

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

“Be a Peacemaker” (MATTHEW 5:9)

INTRODUCTION

- KEY POINT: Making _____ is an _____ effort.

EXPOSITION

I. What are Peacemakers?

- Peacemaking Is Not...
- “Peace”
- James 3:16-18
- Four Characteristics of a Peacemaker
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)

II. What Can God Teach Us About Peace?

- God is a _____ (Judges 6:24; Romans 15:33; I Corinthians 14:33; Philippians 4:9; I Thessalonians 5:23).

- God gives peace (II Thessalonians 3:16).
- God sustains peace (Ephesians 2:13-14).
- The Gospel is a message about peace (John 16:33).
- Revelation 5:9-10

III. Why Does Peace-making Matter?

IV. How Can I Grow to Become a More Faithful Peacemaker?

1. Live in James 1:19-20.
2. _____ (prepare, affirm, understand, search, evaluate)
3. When you _____, work towards making peace.
4. Resist the temptation toward _____.
5. _____ minor issues (Proverbs 19:11; 17:14; 20:3).
6. _____ (Philippians 2:3-4).
7. _____ (John 14:27; Numbers 6:24-26).

CONCLUSION

- Now What?
- Psalm 34:14; II Corinthians 13:11; Colossians 3:15; John 17:20-23

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) Review the "Now What?" questions.
- 2) What Scriptures could you memorize—and why—to encourage better peacemaking in your life?
- 3) Book Recommendation: *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande