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How do we become a peacemaker?

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✓ Peace with our \_\_\_\_\_.

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✓ Peace within \_\_\_\_\_.

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**John 16:33** (NIV) “I have told you these things, so that **in me you may have peace**. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

2. We extend peace through \_\_\_\_\_.

What does this look like?

✓ Stay focused on the \_\_\_\_\_.

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✓ See others through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:27** (NIV) So God created mankind **in his own image**, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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“Be the peace you wish to see in the world.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

**James 3:18** (NLT) And those who are peacemakers will **plant seeds of peace** and reap a harvest of righteousness.

3. We evidence peace to our \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 17:22-23** (MSG) “The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they’ll be as **unified and together as we are**— I in them and you in me. Then they’ll be mature in this oneness, and **give the godless world evidence**, that you’ve sent me and loved them, in the same way you’ve loved me.”

**Walk Away:** We are never more like God than when we take the wholeness and completeness we have \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_ that desperately needs it.

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