

Key Scriptures Passage	Questions for Reflecting and Group Discussion
<p>Matthew 5:1-9 Ephesians 4:15 Romans 12:18</p> <p>Group Values:</p> <p><u>Authenticity</u> – Be honest. As you share together, learn to build trust with one another.</p> <p><u>Accountability</u> – Give permission for others to ask you questions about your life.</p> <p><u>Safety</u> – NO gossip. However, if someone is in danger, putting someone in danger, or through their inaction causing a person to be in danger then it must be reported.</p>	<p>Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you tend to be a “peacekeeper” or a “peacemaker?” Why do you think that is? • What about this message challenged you? What seemed to really hit home for you? <p>Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Matthew 5:1-9 • Have you been in situations where people work hard to “keep the peace” rather than confront? Does that kind of peace actually feel “peaceful?” • <p>Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Ephesians 4:14 • When it comes to speaking the truth in love, are there some obstacles you have to doing this? What are they? • What are some clear sensible boundaries you have in your family or at work that help to craft peace? What are some that may need to be set? • Forgiveness is discussed a lot. But, when it comes to forgiveness, is it easier to ask for it, or to give it. Why? Have you ever asked God to help you forgive? <p>Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.</p> <p><i>God, strengthen me to speak the truth in love, apologize when I am wrong, and forgive as Jesus forgave.</i> <i>In Jesus Name, Amen</i></p> <p>Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how you could use you strength to serve the church family or the people in the community you live in such as PiN, Agape Food Ministries, or The Giving Garden.

