

GROUP QUESTIONS: The Art of Peacemaking Wk 1 - w/ Phuc Luu & Pastor Mindy

Announcements:

Save the Date for Sunday, May 21 - Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

1. What's the most embarrassing fashion trend you've ever rocked?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Phuc Luu says that oppression is when we say to someone else - I want you to act like me, talk like me, think like me, speak like me. How might we resist the temptation to oppress others? What can we do when we feel the urge to oppress the difference? Should we ever oppress others?
4. What did you think about the idea of heaven being an easy escape from the tensions of our differences? Was this a new idea? How do you see or hear people using heaven for escape? Might heaven be intended to be an escape? If so, from what? Difference?
5. The trinity is an example of God's difference. Within God's self exists difference. How might this view of God help us recognize the divine in others? What might it tell us about differences in general?
6. When relationships remain in the tension long enough to hear each other's sides and be impacted by them, that relationship often feels deeper and more bonded. Can you think of a time in your life when you have seen a relationship bear the bonding fruit of remaining in the tension? How has that impacted you? What might be some examples

of times when we should not remain in the tension of difference with someone?