



## Peace on Earth

### Peace With Others - Week 2

*This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.*

#### **READ**

**Begin by reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-18.**

- As you read, underline or highlight your identity and purpose because of Jesus.
- How would you define reconciliation? What does reconciliation look like to you?
- What questions do you have after reading these verses?

#### **REFLECT**

Read Romans 12: 17-21. Jesus brings peace on earth so that we can extend peace to others around us. If you want to experience peace with others, imitating the peace the Jesus brings to earth, there are four things you need to do: Don't pay back. Don't hold back. Don't take back. Don't double back.

- *Don't Pay Back.* What inside of us desires to experience pay back? Where have you retaliated back against someone, leading to a worse relationship and lack of peace?
- How does doing "what is right in the eyes of everyone" glorify God and bring peace on earth to those around you?
- *Don't Hold Back.* As far as it depends on you, don't hold back an opportunity to extend peace to those around you. Where do you need to extend peace to someone this week?
- *Don't Take Back.* Why is it difficult to let God administer justice rather than yourself?
- *Don't Double Back.* Where have you seen unrelenting grace extended to someone, or even yourself, that leads to reconciliation.
- How does leaning into Jesus daily, through time with him in prayer and reading Scripture, help you overcome evil rather than succumbing to and responding with evil.

#### **PRAY**

Begin your time of prayer by reading Psalm 113:6-8. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

**FOCUS** on the everlasting, unrelenting compassion and justice of God.

**THANK** Jesus for making God known through his ministry of reconciliation.

**CONFESS** where you have retaliated rather than seeking resolution through peace.

**ASK** God to continue to extend his peace on earth to you this week, so that you can imitate Jesus and extend peace to those around you.

**\*Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

Matthew 5:38-42

Luke 6:27

Proverbs 15:1

Galatians 5:22

