



NEW TEACHING SERIES
**WHAT
YOU
CAN
DO:**

You Can Bring Peace

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Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

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Romans 12:18 (NIV)

Today's Truth: Be proactive by bringing peace.

Q—How do you picture peace?

John 14:27 (NIV)

Shalom means multi-dimensional, complete well-being; physical, psychological, social, and spiritual. It flows from all of one's relationships being put right; with God, with(in) oneself, and with others.

Ephesians 2:13-18 (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (NIV)

Practical Steps to Bridge Building:

⇒ **Be a _____ and a learner.**

James 1:19-20 (MSG)

⇒ **Be _____ even when it's not your experience.**

"Bridge builders don't deny hurt: they experience it, sit in it, and feel it. But they don't stay in that pain. They don't allow those who have wounded them to control them or constantly drive them back to anger and resentment. Instead, they allow that pain to continually push them into forgiveness." Latasha Morrison, Be The Bridge

⇒ **Be _____ and calm in your communication.**

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

⇒ Be _____ and committed to relationship.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

This Week's Spiritual Practice: I will be a bridge to

ANSWER KEY: listener, empathetic, careful, consistent

DOING *Life Together*

Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *The Ministry of Reconciliation*

Share Together: Where is the most peaceful place you have visited or like to go to find peaceful moments?

Reflect Together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message, and how were you able to apply this week's Spiritual Practice?

Read Together: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Discuss Together:

- Why does Paul seem to be defending, based on what he writes to the church?
- What is his ultimate motive? (see verse 14)
- In verse 16, he mentions a worldly point of view. What does he mean? How does that relate to today in sharing the gospel?
- What does Paul mean in verse 17 by "being a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come"? How does this apply to your faith story?
- What does it mean to be reconciled with Christ? How have you experienced this personally?
- What does it mean to have the "ministry of reconciliation"?
- How can we be Christ's ambassadors today?
- Where do you see the need for "peace treaties" in our world, or for peace in other ways you would like prayer for?

Prayer Together: Share needs in your group to pray for, as well as updates on what God has been doing.