

# Home Group Questions

the week of 10/28/2018

Genesis 26:12-33

## PROMOTING PEACE

### GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel taught on Isaac and the way in which he handled potential conflict in his life. Isaac sets a powerful example of someone who maintained the peace by choosing a path that avoided conflict whenever possible.

### LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. **Read Genesis 26:12-33.** Isaac clearly chooses to avoid conflict in situations where he had the opportunity to do that. Share people in your life that you have met who are like that...people who are healthy "peacemakers". There are ways in which you can pursue peace in an unhealthy way by compromising the truth or by allowing sinful actions to continue and not confront them. How can you know the difference in your life between maintaining the peace in a healthy way and maintaining the peace in an unhealthy way?

2. The sermon covered 6 behaviors that undermine peace in our lives. Read each one and the corresponding passage and discuss what each of these negative qualities looks like in real life:

#### *Peace Destroyers:*

- A. **Self-centered jealousy.** James 3:14-16
- B. **Destructive speech.** Ephesians 4:29
- C. **Short-fused anger.** James 1:19-20
- D. **Negative assumptions (consistently thinking the worst about someone).** Ephesians 4:1-3
- E. **Unteachable pride.** Hebrews 13:17
- F. **Condemning judgment** James 4:11

From the list, which one(s) do you struggle with the most? Are there other qualities in a person's life that you believe are qualities that tend to destroy peace in relationships with others? How can we promote honesty with ourselves so that we don't rationalize these negative qualities but honestly address them and promote peace with others in everything we do?

3. **The sermon then covered ways to promote peace in your life. Discuss the list and passages below and highlight how practically you can utilize these strategies in your marriage or friendships that would assist you in promoting peace:**

- **Pray for God's intervention.**  
Romans 12:17-19
- **Examine your heart.**  
Colossians 3:13
- **Address the issue now.**  
Ephesians 4:26
- **Confront humbly and under control.**  
Proverbs 15:1
- **Extend grace in your response/plan of action.** Ephesians 4:32

### MOVING FORWARD...

Pray for each other and for situations that they are facing in which they can apply some of the truths that were covered in this weeks sermon/study.