

The Peacemaker – Discussion Questions

Preface + Part 1 + Chapter 1

Preface

1. What does it mean to “breathe grace” in the middle of a conflict?
2. Which of the Four G’s feels hardest for you right now?
3. How does the gospel change the way we respond to conflict?
4. In what ways has the world’s approach to conflict influenced you or the church?

Part 1: Glorify God

5. In the story of Frank and the farm, Pastor Barry asks: “What is the difference between the way you are handling this conflict and the way a good atheist would handle it?”
6. Why is the question “How can I please and honor God in this situation?” so powerful?

Chapter 1: Conflict Provides Opportunities

7. How do you typically view conflict — as a hazard, an obstacle, or an opportunity?
8. Which side of the Slippery Slope do you naturally slide toward (Escape or Attack)? – See printed resource on back as well as page 22 diagram.
9. How does Sande’s definition of conflict help you see disagreements more clearly?
10. Sande says some differences are natural and beneficial. What does this mean?
11. What desires might be fueling your current or recent conflicts?
12. Conflict provides three opportunities: to glorify God, to serve others, and to grow to be like Christ. Which is hardest for you to see when you are in the middle of conflict?

Closing Application

13. What is one specific way you want to respond differently the next time conflict arises?
14. Is there a current conflict where you need to ask, “How can I please and honor God in this situation?”

The SLIPPERY SLOPE

Let's look carefully at this slippery slope diagram and see the nine ways people can respond to conflict.

The slippery slope is divided into three sections. Two sections are "danger zones."

