

# Biblical Peacemaking: Building Real Relationships

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**Day 1: Read pages 1-7 and answer questions #1-2. Highlight anything that stands out to you.**

1. In what 3 ways does the author point out that conflict can be an opportunity? (p. 6-7)

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2. God, in His Word, gives us a biblical pattern for responding to conflicts. The author refers to these as “the Four G’s.” List the Four G’s:

- G
- G
- G
- G

**Day 2: Read the section “Glorify God” on pages 8 to the middle of page 10 and answer questions 3-10. Highlight anything in the booklet that stands out to you.**

3. What does the author say is our greatest privilege in life? (p. 8)

4. What is one of the most significant ways we can bring honor and praise to God in our conflicts? (p. 8)

5. **Q.** What is the key to glorifying God through conflicts? (p. 8)

**A.** Remembering \_\_\_\_\_

6. Fill in the blank: “When we make Christ’s work on the cross central in our lives, our lives become \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_.” (p. 8)

7. What are some benefits to trusting, obeying and imitating Christ in our conflicts? (p. 8-9)

8. Fill in the blank: “Practically speaking, we can focus our eyes on Jesus by asking ourselves one central question during any kind of conflict: ‘\_\_\_\_\_?’” (p.9)

9. What about the section “Glorify God” has convicted you? What are you going to change?

10. Locate in your Bible and read the 2 passages in parenthesis on the bottom of page 9: John 5:30 and 8:29. What was on Jesus’ mind in these passages?

**Day 3: Read the section “Get the Log out of Your Own Eye” on pages 10 to the middle of page 15 and answer questions 11-18. Highlight anything in the booklet that stands out to you.**

11. After first focusing on God in a conflict, what should be our next focus? (p. 10)

12. Should we be focusing on defending ourselves and developing a plan to “win” the conflict? Explain. (p. 10-11)

13. What are some benefits of “getting the logs out” of our own eyes (examining & confessing our own sins)? (p. 11-12 & p. 14 top)

14. What are the 2 basic types of “logs”?

15. List the Seven A’s of Confession:

- A
- A
- A
- A
- A
- A
- A

16. What can give us hope when we do the difficult task of overcoming attitudes and habits that feed conflict? (p. 13-14)

17. In the middle of page 14, in bold print, there is a question: ‘What would Mike and Peter do if they both decided to apply these biblical principles to their conflict?’ The conflict referenced is described on pages 1-3. Answer the question in your own words.

18. Name a conflict of your own: \_\_\_\_\_  
What would you do if you decided to apply these biblical principles to your own conflict? (be specific)

**Day 4: Read the section “Gently Restore” on pages 15 – 18 (middle) and answer questions 19-24. Highlight anything in the booklet that stands out to you.**

19. On the bottom of page 15, the authors describe 2 opposite responses to conflict that are commonly found among people. What are these 2 opposing responses?

20. Which of the two responses in question #19 above best describes how you respond to conflict?

21. On page 16 we learn that the two responses to conflict described on page 15 are not proper or biblical but that talking with an offender about their sin in a loving and helpful manner actually provides us an opportunity to serve our offender in 4 ways. What are these 4 ways? (p. 16-17)

- First

- Second
  
- Third
  
- Finally

22. The authors give 4 guidelines to help determine whether or not to overlook an offense. List these 4 guidelines?

- It
  
- It
  
- It
  
- It

23. Fill in the blanks: “When we engage people biblically, we will speak only to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ . Words can be extremely powerful \_\_\_\_\_, and the  
 way we use them can \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ any attempt to resolve  
 conflict (Eph 4:29).” (p. 18 middle)

24. Recite Ephesians 4:29 if you have it memorized. If not, work on memorizing it right now.

**Day 5: Finish reading the section “Gently Restore” on pages 18 - 20 and answer questions 25-32. Highlight anything in the booklet that stands out to you.**

25. Fill in the blanks: “If we are seeking restoration with someone, we will not give in to the tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ with a list of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and the person’s \_\_\_\_\_.” (p.18)

26. What can we do instead of condemning someone by dwelling on his wrongs? (p. 18 middle)

27. After reading the words suggested at the bottom of page 18 and the top of page 19, write your own paragraph of what you could say to your offender regarding the conflict you listed in #18 above.

28. Fill in the blanks: “Good \_\_\_\_\_ skills are also essential.” (p. 19)

29. What are 2 benefits of listening? (p. 19)

30. What should you do if your attempts to lovingly correct the offender fail? (p. 19)

31. On the bottom of page 19, in bold print, there is a question: “What would it look like if Mike and Peter each approached the other to lovingly and graciously correct him?” The conflict referenced is described on pages 1-3. Answer the question in your own words.

32. For the conflict you named in Question #18 above, what would it look like if you approached your offender to lovingly and graciously correct him?

**Day 6: Read the section “Go and Be Reconciled” on pages 21-26 and answer questions 33-38. Highlight anything in the booklet that stands out to you.**

33. What are the Four Promises involved with biblical forgiveness? (p. 23)

- I will
  
- I will
  
- I will
  
- I will

34. Of the four promises, which one seems the hardest for you?

35. What is something that has convicted you to change about how you forgive others or fail to forgive others?

36. In the middle of page 24, in bold print, there is a question: “What could reconciliation be like for Mike and Peter if they were faithful to God’s promises?” The conflict referenced is described on pages 1-3. Answer the question in your own words.

37. For the conflict you named in Question #18 above, what could reconciliation be like for you if you were faithful to God’s promises?

38. Name or quote something from this booklet that has brought you hope.