



CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Visible: The Bond of Peace



RENAISSANCE
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Reflect & Discuss

1. Describe an experience of peace, in which everything seemed to be as God intended.
2. In which areas of your life do you generally have peace? In which areas of your life is peace missing?
3. Where do you think our church could improve in peace?
4. Christian mentioned four threats to the “uniting peace” that God has won for us: Environment, Ignorance, Sin, and Satan
 - What environmental factors hinder your ability to maintain unity?
 - As you’ve gotten to know someone who is different than you, have you ever found your misconceptions about them were removed or corrected? Describe.
 - What patterns of sin in your own life separate you from others?
 - Do you believe that divisive spiritual powers are at work in the world? Explain.
5. Have you experienced unnecessary conflict that divided people from one another? Describe.
6. How would you describe the kind of conflict Jesus wants us to avoid?
7. Have you seen people avoid necessary conflict? Why do you think they avoided it? What was the outcome? Why do you think avoiding necessary conflict often divides people?
8. Have you seen necessary conflict lead to greater unity? Describe. Why do you think necessary conflict often unifies people? What challenges do you think stand in the way of necessary conflict?
9. Under what circumstances do you think Jesus would want us to confront someone else?

Personalize It

Let’s personalize and apply what we’ve been discussing.

1. Christian shared five steps to maintaining unity:
 - Avoid unnecessary conflict
 - Engage in necessary conflict
 - Consistently seek Jesus
 - Be uncommonly kind
 - Do something good together

Which of these five steps do you need to focus on this week? Why? What will you do?

2. How can we pray for you?