



THE ONE ANOTHERS

Be at Peace with One Another

Mark 9:50
(Notes for leaders are in black)

BE AT PEACE: SECTION ONE

TAKEAWAY: Being at peace with one another is something that is actively pursued, not passively achieved.

Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.

- Mark 9:50

1. What do you think it means to be at peace with one another and how would you define peace?

A simple definition for peace may be: to exist in a relationship without animosity or contention.

2. What do you think peace requires?

3. In your experience, what are the sorts of things that can “break” or threaten our peace?

An idea here is that a contingent peace is an unsafe or unreliable peace.

BE AT PEACE: SECTION TWO

TAKEAWAY: Sometimes to accomplish a lasting peace, we have to break a fragile peace.

If possible, as far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

- Romans 12:18

4. These are the words of Paul. In light of these words and in light of the above list of things that could violate or threaten our peace, how might we practically pursue peace with others?

You might note here that we need to be at peace with ourselves before we can achieve a lasting peace with others.

5. To what degree does pursuing peace with others require us to die to ourselves?

6. When do you think it is good and wise to break a fragile peace for the sake of a lasting peace?

BE AT PEACE: SECTION THREE

TAKEAWAY: Discuss ways to practically implement this pursuit of peace.

Turn away from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

- Psalm 34:14

7. Throughout the Bible, our pursuit of peace seems to be very important to God. Why do you think God values it so highly? What are the benefits of being at peace?

8. What steps might you be able to take in your life to pursue peace? Where are the places that you feel you lack peace?

