

## Missing Peace

### Help, These People Are Driving Me Crazy!

# TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Romans 12:14-18 NIV

*... in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

Romans 12:1 NIV

*... Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

Ephesians 4:2 NLT

*A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.*

Proverbs 19:11 NIV

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the craziest thing you've experienced in 2020?
- What's your biggest pet peeve when it comes to other people?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Have you ever gone through a time when it felt like you were on a search to be offended? What was that season like?
- Being offended is inevitable, but living offended is a choice. How would your relationships change if you more quickly let go of the offenses you experience?
- Read Ephesians 4:2. What would making allowances for the faults of others look like?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Are there any offenses you're having trouble letting go of? Why is letting go of those offenses so difficult?
- What steps can you take to let go of offenses you're currently carrying?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father, thank You for Your forgiveness. We've all sinned against You, but instead of holding our sins against us, You made a way for our reconciliation through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to offer others the same forgiveness You've offered us. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Ask God to show you any offenses you might be carrying. If an offense comes to mind, take steps to let it go.](#)
- Start the *Missing Peace* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/missingpeace](http://www.go2.lc/missingpeace)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend ([www.life.church/serving](http://www.life.church/serving)) or with a Local Mission Partner ([www.life.church/localmissions](http://www.life.church/localmissions)).
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