

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Read Proverbs 15:18

When you enter a room, are you a thermometer or a thermostat? Explain the application of this illustration?

Read: Matthew 5:9

What does it look like to be a peacemaker? Is being a peacemaker passive or active? Explain your answer.

Read Romans 14:19

Ted said, "Unity does not require uniformity." How good are you at seeking to understand the perspectives of someone else, especially when it comes to a different generation? What are you willing to sacrifice for peace? How do you determine when to push back and when to go along?

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

Make a list of the directives in this scripture. How would you describe a life "worthy of the calling you have received?"

Ted said, "There is one interpretation of scripture but a lot of different applications. The message is the same but the methods can be different." What does that mean? Why is this concept so important? Can you think of some everyday examples of this concept?

Read Proverbs 15:18, Philippians 2:14-16, Proverbs 20:3 and Proverbs 26:17

What communication principles do each of these scriptures address? Which one is the hardest for you to implement into your relationships?

Read Romans 14:1, Proverbs 17:14 and Titus 3:1-2

When we think about the issues in our community (and an upcoming election!) how do we stay on mission as a Christian? What are the consequences of being quarrelsome?

Ted gave us some steps to dealing with a quarrel. How do you see these steps being useful within your family and beyond. Which step is hardest for you to implement?

- 1. Call a meeting
- 2. Ask a lot of questions to seek greater understanding
- 3. Identify the problem
- 4. Avoid blame
- 5. Seek outside help
- 6. Implement creative solutions
- 7. Allocate resources to fix it
- 8. Check back for follow up