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Scripture: Luke 4:14-21; Hebrews 4:12-16; Galatians 5:1-14; Matthew 25:35-40; Matthew 5:1-12

Small Group Questions:

- 1. Jesus assured us that we will face trouble (John 16:33). When you face personal or interpersonal conflict, how do you typically respond? (For example: Do you try to avoid it, fight it, or yield to it?)
- 2. Jesus also assured us that he has overcome the world (John 16:33). How did Jesus respond to the conflict all around him, and the conflict that was directed toward him?
- 3. How does Christ's love for us displayed on the cross and his victory over sin and death change how we respond to the conflict within ourselves and within the world?
- 4. When we have unresolved conflict in our lives, we can often contribute more harm to others ("hurt people hurt people"). Is there anything you have been carrying in your life that has been a source of pain? In what ways are you in need of God's restoration and healing?
- 5. God has called us to be "peacemakers," not merely *keeping* the peace, but actively cultivating deep peace in our own lives and in our relationships (Matthew 5:9). What are some practical ways that we can be peacemakers in our relationships and declare the hope of Christ?

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