



CONNECTIONS

Sermon notes - May 7, 2017

Keyverse

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:18

Why We Collide

For us as Christians, relational peace with others needs to be a passionate priority. Pastor Dan

1. Are you in conflict with someone right now? How would you rate it on a scale of 1-3?
 - 1—*Something's there, but it's just smoldering under the surface.*
 - 2—*It's bothering me. I think about it a lot.*
 - 3—*Things blew up between us, and now it's really tense.*

2. Do you think Christians have fewer conflicts than those who don't claim to follow Jesus? Should we? What do these verses suggest?
 - John 16:33—

 - Philippians 4:2-7—

 - 1 Corinthians 1:10-12—

 - Galatians 4:12-17—

3. In what ways can we Christians be hypocritical in how we handle our conflicts? How do these ways show a lack of grace and truth—or too much of one or the other?

4. Pastor Dan said that **peace** is more than just the absence of open conflict but also the presence of relational health? What would you say are good signs of “relational health” with someone you've had conflict with?

5. Think again of the conflict you talked about in Question 1. What would it take for God to bring peace between you and the other person over the weeks of this series? Ask God to work in your heart and in your relationship with this person.