

SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER // QUESTIONS

// How to be at Peace //

INTRO

- Welcome everyone // Does everyone know each other?
- Ask them how their weeks / summers have been

GAME (5-10mins)

- Play Uno or a card game

VIDEO (9mins)

- Play the video from YouTube

Link via the website - <https://www.ivyyouth.org/seriesplan>

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QUESTIONS (10mins)

- Q: What does it mean to be a peacemaker? (***Acts for peace / works for peace***)
- Q: **Are you someone who considers to be at peace with God? If not why?**
- Q: Have you ever had a fallout with a friend? How was it resolved? Have you ever had a fallout that wasn't resolved?
- Q: Do you find it hard to love your enemies? You might not have enemies but what about bullies or nasty people at school?
- ***Just because you're a peacemaker doesn't mean you don't challenge bad behaviour when someone hurts you! Anthony says that there are peacemakers and peacekeepers and they are different. Peacekeepers, keep the peace at whatever cost, they are people who if they have been hurt they don't say anything. Whereas, peacemakers will challenge hurtful behaviour but do so following those steps!***
- Step 1 Make the first move. Don't be like - I'm not going to talk to them until they apologise to me.
- Step 2: Ask God for wisdom! Worried about how the conversation will go pray about it and ask God for wisdom of what to say and how to say it.

- Step 3: Hard one!!! Start with what you did wrong, even if it was 99.9% their fault start with what you did wrong in the situation.
- Step 4: Put yourself in their shoes! How did they feel?
- Step 5: Speak the truth in love following this acronym Anthony: **T**True // **H**elpful // **I**nspiring // **N**ecessary // **K**ind
- Q: Do you think Anthony's steps are helpful for challenging a situation in your life? What about if someone who isn't a very nice person at school do you think it would go down well? ***Possibly not but it doesn't stop you from praying for them! Pray for you enemies!!***

Is there someone you need to reach out to following Anthony's steps? Can you do that this week?

- Finally, remember how Anthony finished this talk, Proverbs talks about there being 3 types of people - **Wise people** who learn from their hurts and mistakes, **fools** who keep on hurting people without realising the pain that they cause and **evil people**. Maybe replay the last 2 mins of the video so they understand :-)

PRAY

Pray for those situations and for the youth!