



Model Family Discussion Guide "Make-Up Management" | April 10, 2016

### Series Big Idea

Modeling Jesus' teachings builds a stronger family.

### Teaching Big Idea

Having peace with others is just as important as my peace with God.

### TALK IT OVER

#### Ice Breaker

- Name one of your pet peeves. What sparks anger within you?
- Describe some examples of behaviors that demonstrate ways of loving God by loving others.

### Scripture

Read Matthew 5:21-26, Matthew 22:36-40

### Observation & Interpretation

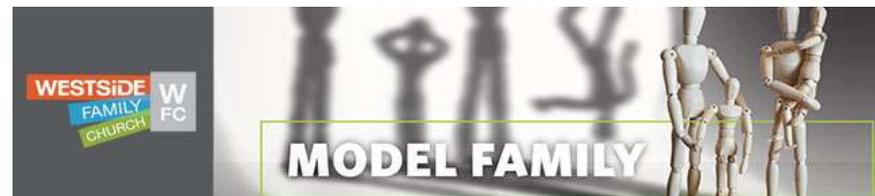
- What does this passage reveal of the importance of making peace with others?
- Why is making peace so important to God?
- Think back to a time when your attitude toward someone led you to behave in a way that was unloving. How could you have behaved differently?
- In Matthew 22:39 Jesus says, "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 1.) What does Jesus mean by the word, "neighbor"? 2.) Why do I have to love everyone - isn't my love for God enough?

### Application

We are all made in the image of God. To love God means to love others. Can you honestly say you are loving God in this way? With whom do you need to make peace?

#### *Pursuing Peace*

- Settle disputes quickly. (How long should I wait - what is acceptable?)
- Be the first to take responsibility for what you've done in the situation.
- Quickly confess your wrong without defending it. ("I was wrong.")
- Deal with your anger by addressing the hurtful act without devaluing the person. (Address the behavior, not blame the person.)



#### *Take action*

- Tell how you will make peace in your home and within your relationships this week.
- Make a plan by writing down how you will resolve to be a peacemaker this week. Post it in a place that will remind you throughout the week.

### READ IT OVER

Ephesians 4:25-32

### Pray

Pray together as a group. Consider asking God to help you love others in the same way He shows His love to you.