# PEACEMAKING

Peacemaking is more than the absence of conflict. Peacemaking is becoming aware of and breaking cycles of harm. Peacemaking requires working to understand others and restore relationships. Peacemaking is cooperating with others and God to bring healing to the broken and chaotic places in us and our world.

#### **BOOKS**

EXCLUSION AND EMBRACE, Miroslav Volf

SHALOM AND THE COMMUNITY OF CREATION, Randy Woodley

JESUS AND NONVIOLENCE, Walter Wink

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION, Marshall Rosenberg

HOW TO HAVE IMPOSSIBLE CONVERSATIONS, Peter Boghossian and James Lindsay

#### **VIDEO**

BIBLE PROJECT - WORD STUDY ON PEACE



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When we look at the conflict and chaos in our world and feel it in ourselves, peacemaking can feel like an impossible task. Practices take what is impossible and make it possible by God's grace. We can become people of peace. Here are resources to help you explore and put peacemaking into practice.

## Week 1: Read Scripture

READSCRIPTURE.ORG

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#### Books:

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL IT'S WORTH by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart is a challenging but helpful beginner book on how to read Scripture. It also works as a reference book as you continue to

THE BLUE PARAKEET by Scot McKnight is also a great read on how to interpret Scripture.

<u>UNWRAPPING SCRIPTURE TODAY</u> by Meghan Good is a great introduction to the Bible that is beautifully written, accessible and comprehensive.

## Week 2: Listening

<u>Here's</u> a video to help guide you in centering prayer.

<u>An article</u> on what it means to practice 3-way listening.

#### Podcasts:

LOVE AND INCARNATIONAL LISTENING
LOVE AND ADMITTING I MIGHT BE WRONG

#### Books:

THE BODY KEEPS THE SCORE, by Basel van der Kolk

# SWEDISH BIBLE METHOD



LIGHT BULB - What stood out to you in this passage? Name something that "shines"through, that impacts you, or draws your attention.



QUESTION MARK- What questions do you have about the passage? Is there something you don't understand or something you would like to ask God or the author?



ARROW - How can you apply this passage practically to life?



SPEECH BUBBLE - Who could benefit from hearing about what you've learned today? Who in your life could you share what you learned through words or actions?