

Living in the Path of Peace

Handout #2

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In Pairs:

1. Choose a partner for this exercise.
2. One of you think of a recent event or issue of importance in your life – something that has touched your emotions in one way or another - that you can share comfortably with your partner, without it reflecting negatively on anyone.
3. For just *3 minutes*, shares with your partner about the event or issue, including your thoughts, emotions, hopes, disappointments (if there were any), and plans, related to the event or issue.
4. After the story is finished, your partner will take *2 minutes* to give feedback on what they heard, including the thoughts, emotions, hopes, disappointments and plans.
5. In *1 minute*, the person who shared will give feedback on how much their partner recounted it accurately, and how much the story got changed in the process.

In Small Groups: What would be an appropriate response to each of these situations? Have two people in your group role play the situation, then discuss how it went.

1. You are living in an apartment in the village, and your neighbor in the apartment next door is a single Christian (of the same gender as you), who goes to your church. The walls between apartments are somewhat thin, and on more than one evening you hear interaction through the wall that suggests they're in the shower with someone of the opposite sex. What should you do?
2. Your spouse is addicted to something (work, alcohol, food, or drugs). You realize you've been acting in ways that contribute to his/her unhealthy addiction patterns. What should you do?
3. You and your spouse have told your 9 and 11 year old children they are not to go to their friend's house tonight. When you get home that evening, you find your children gone. Your spouse tells you that he/she changed his/her mind and let them go to their friend's house, and gives you no reason for the change in plans. What should you do?
4. Your spouse works full time, and also helps with various ministries for about 15 hours a week. Your marriage relationship is strained and your children are also struggling. What should you do?
5. Your computer is broken, so while it's being repaired, a friend is loaning you their laptop computer. As you're doing some work on the internet, you notice that there are "bookmarks" leading to a number of web sites that appear to be pornographic. What should you do?
6. At 10:00 on a Saturday night, you're walking downtown, and notice a friend from church coming out of a bar with a group of five others. Most members of the group seem clearly drunk, but you can't tell if your friend is or not. What should you do?
7. A friend of yours says "I can't believe what X did..." and begins to tell you a story about a mutual friend, and some inappropriate behavior of hers. What should you say?
8. You're watching two children, and while you're in another room, the younger one comes and tells you that the older one is "being mean, and won't let me join in the game he's playing." What will you say? (role play with 3 people)
9. A friend of yours (who lives in a college dorm) tells you that his/her wallet is missing, and he/she's pretty sure that his/her roommate took it. What should you say?