



Pursuing a Brighter Future in Ministry
January-February 2022

Feb 13: Peaceful Partnerships

Icebreaker:

What are the characteristics of a welcoming group?

Message Bible Text:

Romans 12:14-18

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so difficult to live out Romans 12:14?
2. How do we bless those who don't stand for the truth?
3. Why is it more difficult to mourn with others rather than rejoice?
4. Why does Paul specifically point out pride and conceit in Romans 12:16?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Romans 16, Acts 8-9, Galatians 1:13

Discussion Questions:

1. In a post/current pandemic, what are ways we can develop relationships with others?
2. With the world watching you/the church, what are they seeing?
3. What are the difficulties in reaching reconciliation with someone whose values/beliefs are different from yours?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Relationships are important! We need to find ways to live at peace together.
- The world is watching the church. We have an opportunity to change culture by example.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Thankful to God for his leading the consistory to coming to a decision on our denomination.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit continues to help our church with any upcoming challenges in leaving the RCA.
- Pray for people processing this decision that the Holy Spirit might work in each and everyone's hearts and minds.
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Memory Verse:

1John 4:7-8 - Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.