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# COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

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**OPEN:** Would you rather have a horrible short term or horrible long term memory?

What stood out from the sermon this week?

**READ:** Proverbs 12:15-21, Romans 12:17-21, and James 3:13-18.

**DIG:** What do these passages say about our need for a life of peace?

From these passages, list the components of a peaceful life. Which ones stand out to you?

In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to pursue peace and restoration?

When we don't seek healing or reconciliation, we can become bitter. Read Matthew 18:21-22 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-6. According to these passages, how can we combat bitterness in our own heart?

**CHALLENGE:** Striving for peace instead of bitterness is a difficult choice, and at some point, we all face that choice. Think of a situation where you tend to default toward bitterness. Pray that the Lord would give you a new perspective. Then, based on any of the verses above, seek to apply biblical truth to your thinking/actions so you can respond well and move toward peace instead of bitterness.

**REFLECT:** To hear more about pursuing peace, login to your RightNow Media account this week and watch the four-minute video, *Trading Bitterness For Peace*, found under "Video Elements." If you have not signed up for a RightNow Media account, go to [www.mstar.church](http://www.mstar.church), click on the orange box on the home page, and fill out the short form to get FREE access.