



## **MCA DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**APRIL 18**

**Week 2: Conflict Goals**

### **OPENING THOUGHT**

Many people are poor at resolving conflict. Christians are no exception to this. There are at least two reasons for this: the first is wrong beliefs about peacemaking, and the second is a lack of training and equipping.

### **ICE BREAKER**

How would you describe the way you handle conflict? What movie or TV character handles conflict the most like you?

### **BIBLE DISCUSSION**

- Read Matthew 5:9. What stands out to you? What do you think is the difference between a peacekeeper and a peacemaker?
- Read Ephesians 4:14-16. What do you notice about this passage? How do you think speaking the truth in love is a reflection of our maturity?
- Read Matthew 5:23-24. How does it influence your understanding of peacemaking verses peacekeeping?

### **LIFE APPLICATION**

- How did your parents/family navigate conflict? How do you think those examples influenced you?
- Why is it so difficult to be kind, to speak the truth in love, to navigate conflict in healthy ways?
- Why do you think it's important to God that we navigate conflict well?

### **CHALLENGE**

During the next week, identify a conflict that is going on in a relationship and make a plan. Choose a strategy to address it. Conflict is inevitable, normal, and necessary. Healthy conflict is the way to becoming a peacemaker.