

FALL 2026 EQUIPPING CLASS SCHEDULE

Making Peace in God's Household

A study of Ken Sande's *The Peacemaker*

SUNDAYS

**September 13-
December 27, 2026**

15 class sessions

CLASS GOAL

Equip church members to respond to conflict in a distinctly Christian way - glorifying God, examining their own hearts, restoring others gently, and pursuing genuine forgiveness and reconciliation.

COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	ASSIGNED READING	CLASS TOPIC & EMPHASIS	KEY SCRIPTURES
September 13	Chapter 1 <i>Conflict Provides Opportunities</i>	Introduction: Conflict as an Opportunity Introduce the Four G's of peacemaking and distinguish escape, attack, and peacemaking responses.	1 Corinthians 10:31; Matthew 5:9; James 1:2-4
September 20	Chapter 2 <i>Live at Peace</i>	The Christian's Calling to Peace Explore why peacemaking is not optional and what it means to pursue peace "so far as it depends on you."	Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 12:14
September 27	Chapter 3 <i>Trust in the Lord and Do Good</i>	Trusting God in Conflict Respond faithfully when circumstances and other people remain outside our control.	Psalms 37:1-7; Proverbs 3:5-7; 1 Peter 2:21-23
October 4	Chapter 4 <i>Is This Really Worth Fighting Over?</i>	When to Overlook an Offense Distinguish between issues that should be graciously overlooked and issues that should be addressed.	Proverbs 19:11; Philippians 4:2-9; 1 Peter 4:8
October 11	Chapter 5 <i>Conflict Starts in the Heart</i>	Uncovering the Desires Beneath Conflict Consider how good desires can become controlling demands, judgments, and punishment.	James 4:1-3; Matthew 7:3-5; Ezekiel 14:1-5
October 18	Chapter 6 <i>Confession Brings Freedom</i>	Biblical Confession and Repentance Learn to take full responsibility without excuses, blame-shifting, or vague apologies. Introduce the Seven A's of confession.	Psalms 32:1-5; 1 John 1:8-9; James 5:16
October 25	Chapter 7 <i>Just between the Two of You</i>	When and How to Go Privately Determine when love overlooks and when love requires a gracious, private conversation.	Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1
November 1	Chapter 8 <i>Speak the Truth in Love</i>	Grace-Filled Confrontation Prepare carefully, listen well, choose the right time, and speak for restoration rather than victory.	Ephesians 4:15, 25-32; Proverbs 15:1; Galatians 6:1-2

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November 8	Chapter 9 <i>Take One or Two Others Along</i>	When Private Efforts Do Not Work Study biblical mediation, seeking wise help, and the proper involvement of church leaders.	Matthew 18:16-20; Philippians 4:2-3; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8
November 15	Chapter 10 <i>Forgive as God Forgave You</i>	The Promises of Forgiveness Define forgiveness, clarify what it is not, and see how Christ's forgiveness empowers us to forgive others.	Matthew 18:21-35; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-13
November 22	Chapter 11 <i>Look Also to the Interests of Others</i>	Biblical Negotiation Move beyond competing positions to understand interests and seek wise solutions using the PAUSE principle.	Philippians 2:3-4; Proverbs 14:8, 22; James 3:17-18
November 29	Chapter 12 <i>Overcome Evil with Good</i>	When Others Refuse Peace Continue doing what is right without retaliation, bitterness, manipulation, or despair.	Romans 12:14-21; 1 Peter 2:19-23; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
December 6	Conclusion <i>The Peacemaker's Pledge</i>	Final Review and Church Application Review the Four G's and discuss how Edgewood Bible Church can cultivate a durable culture of peace.	Matthew 5:9; John 13:34-35; Ephesians 4:1-3
December 20	Peacemaking For Families <i>Chapters 1 and 12</i>	Peacemaking in Marriage Apply the Four G's to marital conflict and cultivate habits of listening, confession, forgiveness, and regular care that strengthen trust.	Ephesians 4:25-32; Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Peter 3:7
December 27	Peacemaking For Families <i>Chapters 8 and 9</i>	Teaching Children to be Peacemakers Equip parents to model the Four G's, coach children through sibling conflict, and pursue peace when parents and children sin against one another	Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; James 4:1-3

COURSE FRAMEWORK: THE FOUR G'S

- 1. Glorify God:** How can I please and honor God in this situation?
- 2. Get the log out of your eye:** What contribution have I made to this conflict?
- 3. Gently restore:** How can I lovingly help others understand their contribution?
- 4. Go and be reconciled:** How can I forgive and pursue a just, lasting solution?

60-MINUTE CLASS FORMAT

- 10 minutes** - Opening, prayer, Scripture, and review
- 25 minutes** - Teaching the chapter's primary biblical principles
- 15 minutes** - Case study and guided application
- 10 minutes** - Discussion and personal action step

PARTICIPANT PREPARATION

Read the assigned chapter

Course outline follows the chapter sequence and peacemaking framework in Ken Sande's The Peacemaker.