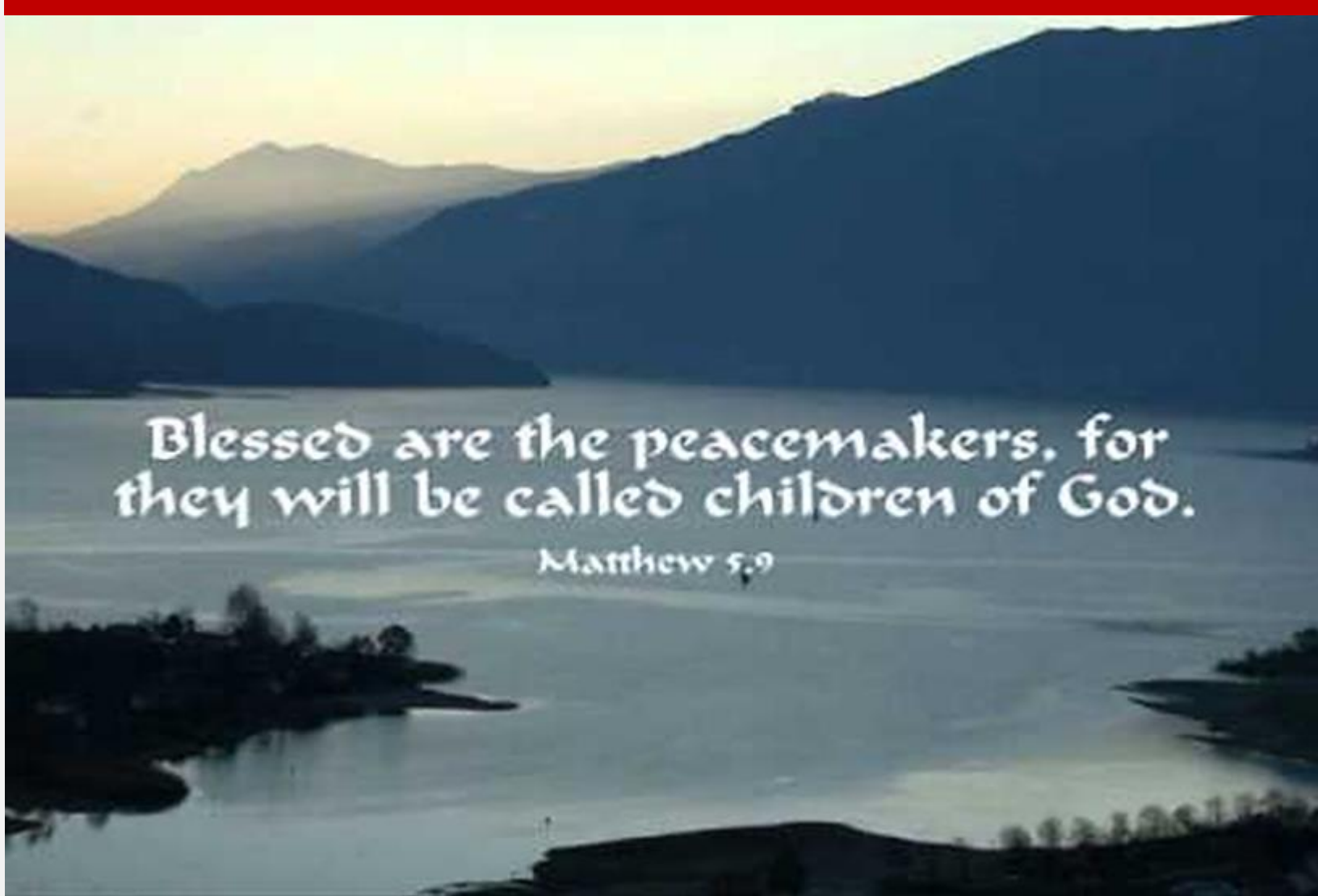


Conflict Resolution SP 2022
Session 3
Cultural Implications
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Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9



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Bridging the gap leadership

Key Scripture

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.^[a] Never be wise in your own sight” (Rom 12:16 ESV).

Instructional Overview

Big Ideas

- Peacemakers seek to resolve conflicts understanding the cultural implications of an urban diverse church community.

Essential Questions

- In what ways do culture and conflict resolution connect?
- How does understanding another’s point of view support peacemaking?

Learning Outcomes

- Identifies impact of culture on understanding and resolving conflict.
- Interprets case studies, recognizing diverse points of view and peacemaking principles.

Paired Discussion

Directions

- Students will come together in a circle to discuss the below prompt.
- Everyone must participate in the discussion.
- Please be mindful of how long you speak so everyone can participate.

Prompt:

- Define what it means to season our words with wisdom and grace?

Notes:

The Iceberg Concept of Culture

Like an iceberg, the majority of culture is below the surface.

Surface Culture

Above sea level

Emotional load: relatively low

food ▪ dress ▪ music ▪
visual arts ▪ drama ▪ crafts
dance ▪ literature ▪ language
celebrations ▪ games



Deep Culture

Unspoken Rules

Partially below sea level

Emotional load: very high

courtesy ▪ contextual conversational patterns ▪ concept of time
personal space ▪ rules of conduct ▪ facial expressions
nonverbal communication ▪ body language ▪ touching ▪ eye contact
patterns of handling emotions ▪ notions of modesty ▪ concept of beauty
courtship practices ▪ relationships to animals ▪ notions of leadership
tempo of work ▪ concepts of food ▪ ideals of childrearing
theory of disease ▪ social interaction rate ▪ nature of friendships
tone of voice ▪ attitudes toward elders ▪ concept of cleanliness
notions of adolescence ▪ patterns of group decision-making
definition of insanity ▪ preference for competition or cooperation
tolerance of physical pain ▪ concept of "self" ▪ concept of past and future
definition of obscenity ▪ attitudes toward dependents ▪ problem-solving
roles in relation to age, sex, class, occupation, kinship, and so forth

Unconscious Rules

Completely below sea level

Emotional load: intense



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Cross-Cultural Key Points

- Culture is a system of thinking and acting taught and reinforced by a group of people
- Influences the way people make meaning of a message and how they respond to it

Examine Your Own Cultural Landscape Map

10%-- EXTERNAL		
(Conscious—Behaviors and Patterns apparent to the observer)		
See	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress, visual arts, games, drama • Family, work, ministry schedules 	
Hear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and vocabulary • Verbal style, expressions, patterns, and modalities • Music, celebrations 	
Touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal and formal physical interactions, space • Food 	
90%-- INTERNAL		
(Unconscious—Way daily life reflect core values: unspoken and unconscious)		
Beliefs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of sin, time, conduct rules, facial expressions, food preferences, family values, and consumption practices, 	
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worldview, purpose, expectancy, courtesy, space, body language, touching, eye contact, modesty, beauty, leadership, childrearing 	
Thought Patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of handling emotions, work tempo, nonverbal patterns and gestures 	
Myths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed down stories or heroes, religious beliefs of the supernatural, 	

Reflection: How do the internal, unspoken, and unconscious deep cultures affect your own conflict and how you manage conflict?

Review: Kraybill's Five Styles of Responding to Conflict



Directing and Cooperating Styles

Directing

--Characteristics: task oriented, productive, concerned to get the job done

--Many feel deeply responsible for those around them and may feel quite bad if they realize they have wounded others since their task focus makes it easy to forget the feelings and needs of others

--Can be in your face when angry

- Engage them and let them know you have a commitment to the task at hand or want to resolve the issue satisfactorily
- Look for ways to engage them about the needs of others
- Don't withdraw without giving your intentions as lack of information increases their anxiety and anger
- Asking for a chance to cool off and think often helps with an emotionally healthy person, so long as you clearly state your intention to return and work on things
 - **If this person has a history of abusing others emotionally or otherwise and holds more power than you, look for a path to safety or shelter

Scenario 1

Kiki continues to explain why she arrived late to no avail with Carolyn. She holds her child's needs as important and feels Carolyn should have more understanding of the situation. While Carolyn remembers raising children, especially as a single mother, she feels Kiki should have kept family demands in mind before volunteering.

What course of action should Carolyn take?

What course of action should Kiki take?

What underlying issues clashes in cultural beliefs, values, and thought patterns from the cultural iceberg come into play here?

Remember the strengths of both women, and keep in mind actions of a peacemaker. Both need to resolve the situation!

Cooperating

--Cooperators respond particularly well to efforts to structure conversation around listening.

--Value directness

- Hear the individual out and the person will listen
- Remain polite
- Say what you want with an attitude of providing information of what matters to you rather than criticizing or making demands

Scenario 2

Kiki and Carolyn continue to resolve the bake sale problem.

Carolyn has a directing style, while Kiki a cooperating.

What course of action should Kiki take?

What course of action should Carolyn take?

What underlying issues clashes in cultural beliefs, values, and thought patterns from the cultural iceberg come into play here?

Remember the strengths of both women, and keep in mind actions of a peacemaker.

- Discuss a time when you resolved conflict with someone with either a directing or cooperating style. How did you resolve the conflict as a peacemaker?
- How does understanding the below surface cultural beliefs, values, thought patterns, and myths of people in your ministry help you as a leader better serve them?

Conflict Resolution 2022 — Homework, Session 3

Due April 21, 2022

Complete Parts A, B, and C following APA format and SBL scripture citation. See ANLI Writing Guide for more information.

Part A. (500-700 words) Cultural Implication Essay

Describe how understanding and appreciating cultural diversity, cultural implications, and the cultural landscape map are all key components to resolving conflict. Support your key points with scripture. Include one quote from the book. Rate the essay with the full, writing self-evaluation sheet. Turn in the sheet with the essay.

Part B. (500 words)

Believers in Christ intentionally respond to conflict with peacemaking attitudes and actions. Support your key points with scripture. Include one quote from the book.

Prompt: Discuss the experience of intentional peacemaking.

Part C. Preparation Session 4:

Read Part 4 from *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande. Please be prepared to share highlights from the reading that spoke to your heart!

Part D. Silencing the White Noise Challenge

For two days, shut out all the noise (voices) from getting into your head (from the culture, the devil, or your flesh) so you can hear the gentle whisper of God speak to your mind and heart concerning you!

Read Jas 4:1-3. Remember, Ken Sande (2004) said, “the X-ray questions reveal the true condition of your hearts” (p. 105). Focus on the X-ray questions.

Be prepared to share your experience in class next week.

