



Give Peace [Matthew 5:9]

exercise

God's peace practically requires that the many varied and fragmented portions of society be brought together for the common good.

- 1. On a sheet of paper, list the top six associations you have on a given week, tight or loose, in person or virtual, frequent or seldom. Number them 1-6 (it doesn't matter what's #1 or #6).**
- 2. Now imagine a local need as a group that you have been charged with creatively engaging.**
- 3. Take a die and roll out a number. Then roll out another number. Discuss how your two numbered associations could be bridged to creatively serve the need you've raised.**
- 4. Then talk about how you might be able to bridge your association with others rolled association (are you still with us?)**
- 5. Do it again. And again. You get the point.**
- 6. Discuss any ideas that might be viable through Queenswest for the local community.**

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text

Read Matthew 4:43-48.

How does this passage speak into the previous exercise? In other words, how does loving your enemy and praying for those who persecute you help you discern needs, associations and bridges?

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community

What will it take for you to engage the work of peace (shalom) in God's city?

Give an honest an answer as possible. There may be creative solutions behind your honesty.

James shared about an opportunity to bring the arts to students and their families at Info Tech High School.

Imagine together what God's peace might look like as we walk through this door of opportunity.

Give Presence
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