



SELF-APPLICATION STUDY

This self-application study is intended to help prepare individuals who will be taking PeaceWise's Conflict Coaching or Mediation Training or both.

If you have already done this for Conflict Coaching training, you don't need to repeat it for Mediation training (**ONLY if you are doing one course straight after another!**).

Do you ever wish you were able to handle conflict in a way that pleases God?

You will be participating in the Conflict Coaching and/or Mediation Training, which will prepare you to assist other individuals in addressing their conflicts in a biblically faithful manner. Before you do so, it is important that you understand and apply these same biblical guidelines in your own life and your own personal conflicts.

As part of your preparation for the Conflict Coaching and/or Mediation Training, you have been asked to read *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande.¹ The following study takes you through a personal application of the scriptural principles and guidelines that are outlined in *The Peacemaker*. Please read the book thoughtfully and complete the assignments below before you arrive at the training event. This study is designed to help you apply and practice biblical peacemaking in your own life and use peacemaking as a witness to Christ's work in your life.

1. Identify a current or recent conflict in your personal life. This may be a relatively simple matter such as a dispute with a family member or a disagreement with a co-worker, a neighbour, or someone from your church. Briefly write a description of the conflict.
2. Reflecting on the above conflict, review and answer questions 1-4 on pages 72 & 73 of *The Peacemaker*.
3. Referring to Chapter 4 of *The Peacemaker*, define both the material issues and the personal issues in this conflict.
4. Write a response to questions 1– 8 on pages 115 & 116 of *The Peacemaker*, as they relate to the conflict you have identified.
5. Write a response to questions 1 and 4-7 on pages 136–138 of *The Peacemaker*.
6. Considering Chapter 8 of *The Peacemaker* and your answers to the above questions, prepare a plan (including specific words you can say) to talk to the other person(s) in the conflict you have identified.
7. Go on record with the Lord, writing a prayer based on the principles taught in the above chapters and questions, and asking for God's guidance as you seek to respond to the conflict in a biblically faithful way.

¹ All references to *The Peacemaker* are to the Third Edition, published by Baker Books, 2004.