

# WEEK 3 | THIS IS US

Sunday, Oct. 3



## THE PEACEMAKER-9 ABRAHAM

Peacemaker-9s are laid back and accommodating. Peacemaker-9s have the uncanny ability to see everyone's point of view at once and can join in either side of a debate. However, they usually choose to withdraw from the debate altogether because they want to avoid conflict and anything that might upset their calm. Healthy Peacemaker-9s make excellent mediators, able to bring two conflicting sides to the table and find common ground between them. Peacemaker-9s come into their own when they learn to pair their ability to see all points of view with an assertiveness to act on what they know to be right.

God called Abraham (then known as Abram) to leave the place of his fathers and travel to a distant land. How well would any other personality type handle a promise like this? Abraham simply trusted and went. When faced with conflict—with Pharaoh regarding Sarah, with Lot regarding which land to take, with allowing Sarah to talk him into having a son with Hagar—Abraham avoided conflict and deferred to others. But, with Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham took on the role of mediator and began to bargain and negotiate with God on behalf of the cities. The cities were full of evil, but Abraham still saw something worth saving in them. Abraham was both compliant and stubborn. Abraham was both a pushover and stood up for his beliefs. Abraham both shied away from conflicts and got into arguments with God Almighty. Abraham both acted in his own self-interest and became the one through whom all nations would be blessed.

### Series Memory Verse

*Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*  
Matthew 22:37-39

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**Notes:**

**The Big “So What?”** Peacemakers step into difficulty for the sake of understanding and unity.

**The Big “Now What?”** What’s it like to be on the other side of me?

**BELIEFS TO HELP PEACEMAKER–9s:** My ultimate peace is found in Christ, not my circumstances. I have been justified by faith and have peace with God through my Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). Jesus has solved my deepest conflict with God and has made me God’s dear child. He has quieted my soul’s deepest struggle with guilt by becoming my sin and my righteousness. I don’t have to fear being good enough because I have Jesus, and He is my peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7). He is the God of peace who is always with me (Philippians 4:9). I can rest because in Christ I am known and loved by God.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Genesis 12:1-9 about Abraham’s willingness to follow God. What stands out to you about Abraham as a Peacemaker–9?

2. Every personality type reveals and teaches something about the character of the God who made us. In what way do you think Peacemaker–9s reflect some aspect of God?

3. Peacemaker–9s fear chaos and conflict, but Romans 8:15–16 reminds us that God did not design us to have a spirit of fear. What are some ways you and God can work together in harmony to help you harness your peacemaking abilities (and your gift to mediate and see multiple perspectives) even in an atmosphere of conflict?

4. How might distraction and inertia be keeping you from the priorities God is calling you to?

5. Are there any hard things you want to say to God but feel afraid to voice?

# THE PEACEMAKER-9

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**What do you love about identifying as a Peacemaker-9?** I love being a Peacemaker-9 because it's easy for me to listen well to those around me and see from others' perspectives. Being more reserved and quiet also allows me to look for others like me! I love being able to recognize and encourage those that are not the most noticeable in the room.

**In what ways do you identify with the description of a Peacemaker-9 in growth?** It is very easy for me to merge with others' thoughts and opinions and not speak up for myself. The more I learn about myself, the more I continue to grow in stepping out of my worries and fears and be confident in the gifts and abilities I get to share with others! I'm constantly trying to lean into the fact that I'm capable of so much more than I think I am.

**How has learning more about yourself through this assessment helped in your relationship with God and others?** It has definitely helped me to love and appreciate myself the way God does. I've often felt alone in thinking I'm the only one who thinks and feels the way I do, but in reality that's not true! I share many of my personality traits with others which reminds me that God designed us Peacemaker-9s with purpose!

## **A Bible Verse for the Peacemaker-9s**

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10*

**Prayer Requests | Answered Prayer | Group Needs:**