



Midway Church

Monthly Mission Update

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RW360 & Midway Peace Sowers Team

No one likes conflict, but it seems to be inevitable in life. Ken Sande, the founder of Peacemaker Ministries and RW360, says that *“Every conflict is an opportunity to glorify God.”*

And it is with that goal – glorifying God in conflicts – that Midway Church is partnering with RW360 to establish and train a Peace Sowers Team (more on that below).

RW is Relational Wisdom which is, “in essence, the desire and ability to obey Jesus’ timeless command, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... and love your neighbor as yourself’ (Matt.22:37-39).”

More specifically, “relational wisdom may be defined as your ability to discern emotions, interests and abilities in yourself and others, to interpret this information in the light of God’s Word, and to use these insights to manage your responses and relationships successfully.

This new partnership is built around a few inescapable facts:

- Conflict is everywhere – even among Christians.
- Believers are commanded to love our neighbors – and that is sometimes hard to do.
- The New Testament is full of ‘one anothers’ such as love one another (Jn 13:34), live in harmony with one another (Rom. 12:16), serve one another (Gal. 5:13), bear with one another in love (Eph. 4:2), forgive one another (Eph. 4:32), and encourage & build one another up (1 Th. 5:11).
- How believers handle conflict among themselves is a testimony – either good or bad – of the power of the Gospel.
- Preventing conflict from occurring or escalating is far better and easier than resolving conflicts after they’ve reached a crisis stage.



Pastor Todd Wright, Pastor Kevin Rivers, Ken Sande, Stephen Garner, Steve Schneider

RW360 is built on Biblical principles, a thorough understanding of emotional intelligence, and Ken Sande's 30+ years of ministry experience in conflict resolution. In 2012, Sande committed himself to developing a conflict prevention ministry model and launched RW360. His original organization, Peacemaker Ministries, is still serving churches, individuals and businesses around the country.

Midway Church is partnering with RW360 and Ken Sande to build a Peace Sowers Team – likely to be the first fully-certified team in the country – of 10-12 Christian Conciliators. These team members will work to both prevent and resolve conflicts among believers.

The Peace Sowers Team at Midway

- Is co-lead by Stephen Garner and Pastor Steve Schneider.
- Currently has 6 members, but would like to have at least 10 members by year's end.

- Is striving to have all 6 current members fully trained and certified by 2024.
- Will offer its first Relational Peacemaking training class in March 2023 and a 12-week Life Enhancement Class starting on August 9th.
- Will train Life Group leaders in basic principles of conflict resolution so they can better serve their member families.
- Will also train Life Group leaders in knowing when and where to refer members for additional help with serious and/or complex conflicts.
- Hopes to extend training to other churches and ministries in West Georgia, thus expanding the RW360 and Peacemaking concepts and principles to many more believers.
- Will offer either faith-based or values-based (secular) conflict resolution training to local businesses.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for members of the Peace Sowers Team as they go through training; and that the principles they learn will be thoroughly understood and skillfully applied.
- Pray for potential additional members of the Peace Sowers team to be called to action.
- Pray for wisdom for those leading the ministry (Stephen Garner and Steve Schneider) as the training and launch process continues.
- Pray for the RW360 Ministry team in Billings, Montana as they continue to develop additional training materials for Peace Sowers teams.
- Pray for those in conflict who will be positively impacted by this ministry.

- Pray for Life Group leaders; that once they understand RW360 principles, they will be able to help their members resolve conflicts before they grow too large.
- Pray for a perspective change across the church – both at Midway and globally – to see conflict as an opportunity to glorify God, and that as that takes place unbelievers will be drawn to the God who loves them and is brokenhearted at their conflicts.

Midway Church exists to unite all generations to go make disciples of Jesus. We seek to accomplish this mission by supporting the efforts of over 30+ missionaries and like-minded organizations across the globe.

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