

June 5, 2016  
No Wake Zone  
Part 2: When Others Rock the Boat  
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1. What kinds of things make relationships difficult? (**Opinionated, overly critical?**)

2. What do the letter EGR stand for? (**Extra Grace Required**)

\*Who has given you extra grace? How did it or how has that grace affected you?

\*How have you shown extra grace to others?

3. Proverbs 10:19 -- “Sin is not ended by multiplying words, but the prudent hold their tongues.”

\*Who in your life demonstrates wisdom with their words?

\*How do you feel when you’re with such a person?

\*In what instance have you been glad you “held your tongue.”

4. Proverbs 27:2 -- “Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.”

\*Do you know people who talk about themselves excessively? How does that affect you?

\*Are you able to accept a compliment?

5. Proverbs 25:17 -- “Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house—too much of you, and they will hate you.”

\*Is this proverb true of close friends as well as neighbors?

\*Do you know someone who wanted too much of you? Or wanted relationally what you didn’t have to give? What was the outcome of that relationship?

6. Romans 12: 18 – “If it is possible as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

\*Is there someone with whom you have not been able to really live in peace?

\*How were you able to deal with that?

7. Matthew 5:46-47 -- “If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?”

\*Have these words of Jesus ever confronted you and changed how you’ve dealt with someone?

\*Think of a difficult person and explain what it would look like to love him or her.

\*Can you give an example of you or someone you know returning kindness in the face of unkindness?

\*How do you prepare your spirit to kindly and lovingly endure those who drain you?

8. John 5:30 – “For I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.”

\*How would our lives change if we would say this as Jesus did?

\*What difficult thing have you done in order to please God rather than yourself?