

## Discussion Questions

### 1. Breakout Session 1

- How can you learn about and connect with tribes in your local area? What might come from these new connections?
- How might you support native tribes to ensure new policies are just and that old policies are reformed to eliminate any injustices?
- Tribal nations often have difficulties relating with other governments along political or racial lines. What are some ways local peacemakers can rebuild trust?
- When have I struggled to listen to others in the past?
- What do I see as the barriers to having every conversation be constructive?
- What can I do to connect with those with whom I do not share the same views?

### 2. Breakout Session 2

- Compared to a father who lives with his children, what challenges might a father who doesn't live with his children face in creating a peaceful home, especially when it comes to the relationship he has with the other parent of his children?
- If you had to pick one tip that can help dads create a peaceful home that struck you as being particularly important, what would it be? Why did you pick that tip?
- What cross-cultural elements of masculinity that men learn growing up make it challenging for dads to create a peaceful home?
- Reflecting on your own family life and the community in which you live, are we creating the peaceful, nurturing environments that young children need? What are we doing right and what more should we be doing?
- Is there anything about today's presentation that surprised you or shifted your thinking about the importance of the early years?
- Do you believe we all have a role to play in the healthy development of young children? If so, what is your role?

### 3. Breakout Session 3

- What does a good disagreement look like?
- How do you create a space in your thinking for different views?
- How to move forward when you have a disagreement?
- How is “guarding our heart” similar to the airplane safety analogy of putting on our own oxygen mask first before attempting to help another person? Is it possible to be an effective and lasting peacemaker when we don’t have peace within ourselves?
- When we look at how human beings respond to conflict by blame, shame, control or escape, what is our typical first reaction? (Remember, we all lean toward one or two coping behaviors). How does our particular response (blame, shame, control or escape) destroy peace?
- The antithesis of blame, shame, control and escape are: boosting or encouraging others, self-assurance, cooperation, balanced give and take, and staying reliably engaged or connected. How might changing our unhelpful coping mechanism to one of these healthy actions result in peace?

### 4. Breakout Session 4

- Who is invisible in your community/circle of influence?
- What is the most challenging principle of peacemaking for your right now and why?
- How can you better show up as a peacemaker at home and in your community?
- What have you let occur in your peace radius that now looks like it was a bad idea?
- How might you better control your peace radius? What specifically?
- What ideas do you have from increasing your area of influence?