

## International Conversation Café

### Lifestyle Topic:      The Paths to Peace

The Paths to Peace are principles people have demonstrated to be true in every culture throughout the ages of time. When applied, these principles enable society to function smoothly, both in areas of civic responsibility and in family life. When rejected, relationships suffer significantly.

## Principle 7   Care for Your Family

### Family

1. *Define “family.”*
2. *Does your definition differ from attitudes 10, 50, 100 years ago? If so, how?*

### Marriage

“A great marriage is not when the ‘perfect couple’ comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences.” Dave Meurer

1. *How would you define a great marriage?*
2. *Describe the pressures on a couple that might cause their marriage to fall apart?*
3. *In your opinion, what are the most common reasons for divorce?*

### Children

1. *In what ways do parents care for and protect their children?*
2. *In your culture, how long do children remain under the protection of their parents?*

### Finding a Spouse

1. *What qualities should one look for in a marriage partner?*
2. *How do people go about finding a husband or wife in your culture?*  
*What are the advantages and disadvantages of your system?*
3. *Do you think a couple should live together before they marry? Why or why not?*

### Memorable Quotes

“There is no such thing as fun for the whole family.” Jerry Seinfeld

“All happy families resemble one another; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.” LeoTolstoy

*Make up your own quote about families and share it with your group.*

