



**“Blessed are the Peacemakers”
Week 7 in a 9-week Series**

Preached: April 6, 2025
Scripture: Matthew 5:9
Series: “The Beatitudes” – Week 7 of 9

SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Who is the most peaceful / peace-filled person you know? What makes them that way?
2. Would someone describe you as peace-filled or a peacemaker? Why or why not?
3. What comes to your mind when someone uses the word peace?
4. Keenan talked about replacing the word “peacemaker” with the word “wholemaker.” What do you think of this new word he made up? Does it help you better understand what Jesus is trying to communicate to his disciples and to us?
5. What is the connection between being a peacemaker (or wholemaker) and being a child of God?
6. Read this section of the sermon from Sunday. How do you react to the ideas presented here?

“Jesus laid down His life to make peace between God and sinners, and when we can carry that message of peace to others, we are peacemakers. God delights in those who reconcile others to Himself—those who bring the good news of the Gospel into the world. Jesus doesn’t simply give a directive to his followers – make the peace! Through his death, he EMBODIES the way in which his peace is brought to bear. Our peace with God came at a price. And who gets to receive the benefits of Christ’s sacrifice? His children.”

7. Can someone be a peacemaker without knowing Christ? Why or why not?

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Where do you need Jesus to meet you today as you are gathered together around God’s Word? What are the things that we need to have to be a peacemaker in our everyday lives? If you were to live out the idea of being peacemaker – how would your lives look different? Ask for help in that area.

SECTION 3 – SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Spend some time meditating over and praying about what it means / what it looks like to be a child of God? If that were an identity that you embraced in all aspects of your life, what might that look like. Spend some time after prayer and reflection writing your thoughts down in a journal entry.

SECTION 4 – THINKING ABOUT MISSION

The world is filled with unrest / chaos / conflict / uncertainty. Social media and mainstream media use anger, fear and hate to draw in more viewers. How can a modern-day Christ-centered peacemaker make a difference in a world that is dominated by anger, hate and fear?

SECTION 5 – ADDITIONAL STUDY

Go back and read all of EPHESIANS 2:11-22. How does this inform how we read this Beatitude? What does Paul teach us about Christ’s role in peacemaking?