



Sermon on the Mount ENGAGE THE WORLD

Life Groups Discussion Guide
November 3, 2019

PEACEMAKERS Matthew 5:9

CONNECT

1. Growing up, what was your family's approach to conflict?
2. Do you have a story of peacemaking where peace and wholeness was restored in a particular relationship or situation?

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3. What are Christians known for? What is our church known for? What are you known for?
4. Read Matthew 5:1–12. What is supposed to characterize sons of God? Are Christians known as peacemakers in society?
5. Some common responses to conflict can actually be peace-breakers instead of peace-makers. How do you tend to react to conflict? How does Christ empower us to respond well?
6. Read Colossians 1:19–22. What is the foundation for peace?
7. Colossians 3:15 tells us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. What does that mean? How does that work? What other things tend to rule in your heart, especially in conflict?
8. With what you're facing right now, where do you need Christ's peace?
9. In which of your relationships is peacemaking needed? What would it look like? What might a first step be? Pray for love and courage to obey Jesus with this. Then do it.
10. Commit to follow up with someone on how that action step (#9) is going later this week.

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11. Read Jeremiah 29:7. Think about and discuss the situation the exiles were in when they were called to bring shalom to the society around them. How will you intentionally bring shalom to the situations you face this week?