

***Blessed are the Peacemakers***

Matthew 5:9

**Sermon Discussion Questions**

**July 2, 2023**

1. Who do you consider to be a true peacemaker in history, in your workplace, in your family, or the church? Please share the story of this person with your friends.
2. Is there any conflict from your life that stands out in your mind? What part did you have in it? How did you feel about being a part of that conflict?
3. Have you tried to be a peacemaker in the past? What went well and what went poorly? Have you ever felt you should have been a peacemaker but weren't?
4. How has this teaching challenged your typical view of peacemaking? Are you seeking confrontation for worldly reasons or God-honoring reasons? Do ever confront sin to make yourself seem better rather than out of love for the person? What intimidates you about this new view of peacemaking?
5. **Read Philippians 4:8-9.** What are the ways the Lord gives us to think about and practice peace?
6. If the blessing of being a peacemaker is being identified as a "child of" or "son of" God, what would you suppose is the risk of not being a peacemaker? What might we get mistaken for?
7. What places do you see conflict in your life? What are the conflicts happening around you that you struggle to understand the most? What are some of the attributes of God to focus on to give peace and comfort in the midst of these conflicts?
8. Is there a personal conflict you need to address? **Read Matthew 5:23-24.** Should the verses remind you of someone, how about resolving first to go and be reconciled with them this week? Ask the Lord for courage and wisdom as you take on the difficult task of peacemaking.