

Happy are the Peacemakers

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:9 –

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

A Peacemaker . . .

1. Enjoys Peace with God

2. Endeavors to be a Reconciler

3. Encourages People to Pursue Peace with God

“A peacemaker is someone who experiences the peace of God (Phil. 4:7) because he is at peace (Rom. 5:1) with the God of peace (Phil. 4:9) through the Prince of peace (Isa. 9:6), who, indeed is our peace (Eph. 2:14), and who therefore seeks to live at peace with all others (Rom. 12:18) and proclaims the gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15) so that others might have joy and peace in believing (Rom. 15:13).”

– From the *Desiring God Blog*

Application Questions . . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Take turns reading Rom. 5:1-2; Col. 1:19-23a; and Eph. 2:11-22. How did Jesus model peace-making?
3. How is the peace of Christ different from just the cessation of fighting? How does being a peacemaker reflect the character of God?
4. What is the most challenging part to pursuing those things that lead to peace and peacemaking?
5. Are you more apt to be a peacekeeper or peacemaker? In light of your tendency, what steps can you take to handle conflict in a healthier way the next time it arises?
6. The God who sees you at your worst also loves you unconditionally (Psalm 32:1-5). How do these verses give us courage to actively admit our sin against one another and God? Why is confession ultimately healthier than denial?
7. How have you seen God empower you to seek conflict resolution in a healthy way once you let go of the outcome and decided simply to honor Him with your approach?

