



MANNA CHURCH HAWAII - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

July 26, 2026 | Blessed: Summer in the Beatitudes - "Blessed Are The Peacemakers"

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: If you could instantly make one everyday inconvenience disappear forever (traffic, long lines, slow Wi-Fi, mosquitoes, etc.), what would you choose? Why?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Jesus continues the Beatitudes by saying, "**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God**" (Matthew 5:9). Throughout this series, we've been learning that the Kingdom of God is different from the world around us. While the world believes peace comes when our circumstances are perfect, Jesus teaches that true peace is found in His presence. In **Mark 4:35-41**, Jesus and His disciples faced a violent storm, yet Jesus remained at peace because His confidence was in the Father. The disciples focused on the wind and the waves, but Jesus reminded them that His promises are greater than their fears. The first step toward becoming a peacemaker is learning to **find our peace in Jesus**, trusting that He is with us through every storm.

Jesus doesn't just invite us to experience His peace once. He calls us to **live in His peace every day**. When Jesus spoke, "Peace! Be still!" the storm immediately obeyed Him (Mark 4:39). His authority over creation reminds us that no situation is beyond His control. Living in His peace doesn't mean pretending life is easy or ignoring pain. It means choosing to trust Jesus in the middle of uncertainty and remembering that we were never meant to face life's storms alone. God has given us His Church, His Word, and the Holy Spirit to encourage us, strengthen us, and remind us that His presence is greater than our circumstances.

After the storm, Jesus arrived on the other side and immediately brought peace to a man whose life had been completely broken (**Mark 5:1-20**). The storm wasn't an interruption to His mission. It was preparation for it. In the same way, God often uses the storms we've walked through to help someone else experience His hope. As followers of Jesus, we are called to **share His peace** by bringing encouragement where there is fear, unity where there is division, and the hope of the Gospel wherever we go. Peacemakers don't avoid difficult situations. They step into them with the love, grace, and truth of Jesus, pointing others to the only One who brings lasting peace.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. When life feels stressful or overwhelming, where do you usually look first for peace or comfort? Why do you think that is?
3. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, not just peacekeepers. What is the difference, and how can you reflect the heart of Jesus in your relationships this week?
4. In Mark 4, the disciples focused on the storm while Jesus rested in the Father's peace. What storm are you currently facing, and what promise of God do you need to hold onto today?

PRAYER: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

Father, thank You for being our peace in every season and reminding us that Your presence is greater than any storm we face. Help us trust You more deeply each day and rest in Your promises instead of our circumstances. Teach us to be peacemakers who bring grace, forgiveness, encouragement, and hope into our homes, workplaces, schools, and relationships so we can point others to Jesus so others may experience the peace, freedom, and salvation that can only be found in You. Amen.



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MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: If you could instantly make one everyday inconvenience disappear forever (traffic, long lines, slow Wi-Fi, mosquitoes, etc.), what would you choose? Why?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Jesus continues the Beatitudes by saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9). Throughout this series, we've been learning that God's Kingdom is different from the world around us. The world says peace comes when everything is going our way. Jesus teaches that real peace comes from being close to Him, even when life is hard. In Mark 4:35-41, Jesus and His disciples were caught in a huge storm. While everyone else was afraid, Jesus was at peace because He trusted the Father. The disciples focused on the storm, but Jesus reminded them that God is bigger than anything they were facing. Real peace starts by trusting Jesus, no matter what's happening around us.

Jesus wants us to experience His peace every day, not just when life is easy. When He said, "Peace! Be still!" the storm stopped immediately (Mark 4:39). That reminds us that Jesus has power over every situation we face. We all go through stressful moments like school, homework, sports, family problems, friendships, anxiety, or uncertainty about the future. Having God's peace doesn't mean those problems disappear. It means we don't have to face them alone. God gives us His Word, the Holy Spirit, our church family, and trusted people who can encourage us and remind us that He is always with us.

After the storm, Jesus met a man whose life was completely broken and brought him hope and freedom (Mark 5:1-20). The storm wasn't a distraction from Jesus' mission. It prepared Him for it. In the same way, God can use the difficult seasons we've been through to encourage someone else. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers by bringing hope instead of fear, kindness instead of conflict, and unity instead of division. At school, at home, on our teams, and with our friends, we can point people to Jesus by the way we love, forgive, encourage, and care for others. Real peacemakers don't avoid problems. They bring the love and peace of Jesus into them.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. What's one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
 2. When life feels stressful or overwhelming, where do you usually look first for peace or comfort?
 3. Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, not just peacekeepers. What do you think the difference is?
 4. The disciples focused on the storm while Jesus trusted His Father. What is one "storm" you're facing right now?
- ACTION STEP:** Choose one practical way to trust God this week by praying first, reading a Bible verse when you're anxious, forgiving someone, encouraging a friend, or asking a trusted leader or family member to pray with you.

PRAYER: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

Father, thank You for being our peace no matter what we're facing. Help us trust You through school, sports, friendships, family challenges, and every difficult situation. Teach us to bring peace, kindness, forgiveness, and encouragement wherever we go so our lives point others to the hope and love that can only be found in Jesus. Amen.

Matthew 5:9 ESV *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”*

Mark 4:35-41, ESV 35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Find _____ in _____

John 14:6 ESV *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

John 14:27 ESV *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”*

_____ in His _____

“Peace! Be Still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.”

- The Greek translates as: Be quiet, be still, refrain from speaking.
- The Hebrew translates as: Completeness, Tranquility.

_____ His _____

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Notes

Discussion Guide/Going Deeper



Growth Track



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