

## Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** Jesus' first sermon was designed to help his followers redefine what a relationship with God was truly about. The blessed life can be measured by how well you display certain Christ-like qualities. This week we'll look at being a peacemaker.

**The Christian life is not primarily about what you're doing, but who you're becoming.**

**Matthew 5:1-9 (NIV)**

**Step One: Humility | Step Two: Brokenness | Step Three: Surrender | Step Four: Dependence**

**Result One: Mercy | Result Two: Authenticity | Result Three: Peace**

***Shalom*: wholeness, completeness, fulfillment, inner rest.**

**Peacekeeper: Avoids or prevents conflict whenever possible**

**Peacemaker: Aims for *shalom* whenever possible**

### The Path to Peacemaking:

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| - Enjoy peace with God          | Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)      |                  |
| - Expect peace from God         | Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) | John 16:33 (NIV) |
| - Engage others with peace      | Luke 10:1-5 (NIV)       |                  |
| - Eradicate darkness with peace | James 3:13-18 (NIV)     |                  |

**Numbers 6:24-26 (NLT)**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Who is the most 'peace-filled' person you know? Why would you describe them that way?
- 3) How would you describe the difference between a *peacekeeper* and a *peacemaker*? Do you know people who you would describe by either term? Explain.
- 4) Where do you find yourself on *The Path to Peacemaking*? How did you get there?
- 5) What is one thing you can do this week to help bring *shalom* to the world around you? Who is God putting on your heart that needs a peacemaker to intervene?