### **CONNECT QUESTIONS**

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life this week?
- 2) How have you struggled to obey God's Word and live out your faith in Christ this week?
- 3) Read Matthew 5:9-12. Biblical scholar Tim Mackie says, "Biblical peace is not the absence of conflict; it's the presence of harmony." What's the difference?
- 4) Sometimes we are tempted to avoid conflict rather than make peace. How do you relate to this tension?
- 5) Why is conflict with the world inevitable for those who follow Jesus? How can we "rejoice" when we encounter persecution? (See James 1:2 and 1 Peter 2:12)
- 6) Read Romans 12:14-21. How does this passage relate to Jesus' words?
- 7) Take a moment to praise God, to pray for the needs of your group and our church, and to ask for God's guidance in the coming week.

#### **Memory Passage**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God - Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

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## • June 16, 2024 • 10:00 AM Happy Father's Day!

Call to Worship	<b>Rich Shoemaker</b>
Songs of Praise	"Praise You Anywhere"
	"Battle Belongs"
	"I Speak Jesus"
Prayer	Pat Wiemiller
Announcements / Greet One Another Felisha Caldeira	
Sermon	Pastor Travis
<ul> <li>Making Peace</li> </ul>	
Songs of Praise	"Your Will Be Done" "Doxology"
Benediction	

### Matthew 5:9-12 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
  - for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# Romans 12:14-21 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Notes: **Making Peace**