

## Discussion Guide (November 19, 2023)

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Message: *Blessed are the peacemakers* (series: *#blessed*)

### PRIMARY PASSAGES (NIV)

**Matthew 5:9:** *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

**Isaiah 53:5:** *But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*

**2 Corinthians 5:20:** *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Sin is what destroys our peace.
- Peace between us and God is our and the world's greatest need.
- Peacemaking is proclaiming Christ where you are and letting Jesus do as He sees fit

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on how sin (disobedience to God) destroys your and the world's peace. How have you felt those realities in your life, and how does the good news of Jesus bring hope?
2. Have you ever had a chance to be a peacemaker by sharing the Gospel with someone? How were you blessed by being a peacemaker? If you are willing, share this experience with the group.
3. John Newton was forgiven and had peace with God even though he had sinned in terrible ways. How does his story relate to yours and how does it encourage you, both in your walk with Christ and to be a peacemaker?
4. Kyle asked us to reflect on the peace we have with God and let that define who we are. His encouragement was to return to those truths about our peace with God through Christ and what He did. With these things in mind, how can the peace we have with God be reflected in your actions, and how can that motivate you to be a peacemaker where God has placed you?

***Father, thank you for the peacemakers, and especially for how you have used others to be peacemakers in my life. Help me to take seriously the challenge of telling others about You. Please give me boldness and the ability to share Your love appropriately and lovingly. In Jesus' name, Amen.***