

Beatitude Small Group Study

Session 8: *Blessed Are The Peacemakers*

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Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Host Tip: Welcome new group members and provide a brief overview of session 1. Review last week's memory verse as well.

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. What are some verses that come to mind about peace?
2. What do you think it means to be God's peacemaker?

Memory Verse | Week 8:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 | ESV

Host Tip: Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

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Peace Principle: Choose to be God's peacemaker, not the devil's troublemaker.

Lesson outline:

Think of this action (peacemaking) as you would when planting.

Scripture repeatedly counsels believers to consider the universal fact that what we "sow is what we shall reap" (Galatians 6:7.) Thus, if we plant seeds of peace, there will be blessings of joyfulness. Still, we will surely reap problems with people and our overall purpose with God if we sow trouble. So you must choose: *Will I be God's peacemaker or the devil's troublemaker?*

1. Accept my mission

John 20:21 / ESV, "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' "

2. Always choose integrity

Proverbs 16:28 says, "A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends."

(When you talk behind someone's back, bear false witness, or besmirch their character, expect to reap a harvest of problems. If this becomes habitual, your credibility will dry up quickly, and you will earn the title of a troublemaker!)

3. Anticipate God's blessing when being a peacemaker

James 3:18 / NLT, "And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

(When you are busy planting seeds of peace, there will be an unmistakable yield of blessing and joy. As you help point to the Lord and, when necessary, broker peace in conflicts, you will be acting as God's peacemaker.)



Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

Host Tip: *Take time to field prayer requests. You can designate someone to pray prior to the gathering or coordinate group prayer.*

Closing Discussion Questions:

1. Describe the two aspects of peacemaking in God's plan?

2. What does it mean to be called "sons of God?"

3. How should knowing that God calls you to be a peacemaker impact your daily relationships?