

I. Peace definitions differ by depth

A. The world often sees peace
as surface smoothness

I Kings 4:24; Rev 6:3-4;
Gen 11:1-9

B. God looks deeper

I Sam 16:7; II Cor 4:16-18;
Rom 5:1; 15:33; Jn 14:27;
Phil 4:6-7, 9; Col 1:19-20;
I Thess 5:23; Heb 13:20;
Zech 9:10; Luke 2:14;
Rom 1:7; I Cor 1:3;
II Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3;
Eph 1:2; Phil 1:2;
Jer 6:13-14; Matt 23:27

II. Peacemakers pay a
personal price for the peace
they pursue for others

A. They see the deeper
needs of others

Matt 5:3-8; 16:26;
Acts 4:12;
Mark 2:4-5

B. Peacemakers don't just "let
sleeping dogs" lie

Prov 26:17; John 2:14ff;
John 5:1, 8-9; 9:13-14;
Matt 23:33; 10:34;
Rom 12:18; 14:19; 16:19-20;
James 3:17; Heb 12:14;
I Thess 5:23; Eph 6:15;
Isa 52:7; Rev 1:16;
Prov 12:18; 15:1; 27:6;
Eph 4:29; I Pet 2:21-23;
Rom 8:14

III. Peacemakers will be
called sons of God

A. They're called that by God

B. God calls these sons

Matt 3:17; 17:5;
Rom 8:14, 23

Care Group Questions

“Just Like Dad”

Text: Matt 5:9

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1. Can you share about a time when you had to maintain a “calm outside”, but your inside was anything but peaceful? How did it all get resolved?
2. What tends to be the world’s focus when the word peace is used? Why would that be the emphasis?
3. What is God’s perspective about real peace? Why is that His focus?
4. From the only other biblical use of the word peacemaker (see Colossians 1:19-20), what can we learn about what kind of peace they pursue, for whom, and who pays the price?
5. Reviewing the beatitudes, how does a person get to the point of being a peacemaker (can you suggest a “flow” of the beatitudes that leads to peacemaking)?
6. Why don’t peacemakers “let sleeping dogs lie”? (What does that phrase mean? What’s the usual wisdom in it? Why do peacemakers ignore that wisdom?)
7. Why would the world not appreciate biblical peacemakers?
8. Have you seen a peacemaker in action? If so, when, and what did he/she do? What was the response?
9. Practical: How can we use our words as peacemakers? What uses would not be peacemaking?
10. What is the meaning of being called sons of God? How is that different than being called a child of God?

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