# Peace For Our Time

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

## Summary:

Peacemakers are people who intentionally work to bring peace to the lives of those around them.

Peace is not the lack of conflict, but the shalom or wellbeing of the entire person – mind, body and soul.

The peacemaker seeks reconciliation through truth and grace, bringing people to righteous standing with Christ through His death and resurrection. We have peace in our relationship with God and in our relationships with one another even when there may be disagreement on issues that are not essential to our salvation.

## Notes:

## Discussion Points:

**Introductory Question:**

Is there a person in your life with whom you are not at peace? What would it take from your view to make peace?

Discussion:

- Describe an instance in your life where you had to go the extra mile to make peace.
- Why is making peace painful?

## Application:

- Is there a person in your life who you need to talk to about something that is not right?
- Is there someone in your life that you know you have offended and need to ask forgiveness?
- Are there any people you know that you could help in bringing peace in their life?

## On Your Own...

Romans 12:17-21
Romans 14:1-7
Romans 4:19
2 Corinthians 5:20
2 Corinthians 13:11
Galatians 5:22-23
Colossians 1:19-20
Colossians 3:13
Hebrews 12:14
Ephesians 2:13-17
Deuteronomy 32:35
Prov. 25:21, 22
James 3:17-18