

Matthew 5:9

The Beatitudes: Blessed are the Peacemakers (Part 2)

- Introduction

- Promise

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Application of Matthew 5:9

1. How does Jesus' promise that peacemakers "shall be called sons of God" motivate you to be a peacemaker?
 - a. How does the negative statement (i.e. if we're not peacemakers, we're not children of God) also motivate you to be a peacemaker?
2. Reflect on the present and future aspects of being a child of God in Rom 8:14-23, how does this encourage you and give you hope?
3. Write out or think of a simple prayer for God to be glorified when you're in the midst of conflict and commit to recite it in a moment of conflict.
 - a. What might be some specific examples of thoughts, words, and actions you should perform to glorify Him in conflict?
4. Consider the following verses and how they might lead you to thank God for conflict: Gen 50:20; Ps 119:71; Rom 5:3-5; 8:28-29; 2 Cor 12:9-10; Heb 12:11; James 1:2-4; 1 Pet 1:6-7
 - a. What are 3 reasons you can thank God for conflict?
 - b. Do you need to thank Him now for any conflict you're part of?
5. What are some good questions you can ask yourself in the midst of conflict to help you focus on glorifying God?
6. Reflect on the following reasons conflict can be a blessing and the opportunities it provides and ask God to give you this perspective.
 - Shares the gospel
 - Sanctifies us
 - Sharpens us
 - Showcases creativity
 - Solidifies relationships
 - Strengthens unity
 - Seeks God in prayer
 - Sympathy with others
 - Shows our weaknesses so that we'll depend on and glorify God
 - Sets our hope on eternity (where they'll be no conflict)!
7. Thank God for making peace with us through the Lord Jesus Christ!

Reading this week: Read Matt 5:3-10 each day this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>The B _____:</i> <i>Blessed are the P _____ (Part __)</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	- P _____ - A _____	
<u>Verses</u>		

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Conflict/ Problem	Children	Peace	Peacemaker(s)/ Peacemaking

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: