

Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 8

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

Matthew 5:9

Main Ideas

This week, we examined the seventh of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' words of blessing to the peacemakers. According to Jesus, one of the marks that we belong to God's family- living as "children of God"- is that we bring flourishing, wholeness, and goodness into the world. This is a reflection of who God is, as in the cross we see Jesus making ultimate peace between God and humanity.

Icebreaker Question

- If you could only listen to one musical artist or group for the rest of your life, who would you choose and why?

Discussion Questions

1. What would you say the difference is between being a peacemaker and a peacekeeper? Why does this distinction matter?
2. As a group, read Romans 12:18.
 - a. What makes living at peace difficult?
 - b. Have you ever had the experience of not being able to be at peace with someone else? How did that impact you?
3. Is there someone that you're not at peace with right now? What is a step that you could take to pursue it?
4. As a group, read John 14:27.
 - a. What is different about the peace of Jesus than the peace of the world?
 - b. What is the peace of Christ rooted in?
5. Where do you see the Church making peace in the world right now?
6. What opportunities do we have to continue doing so?