

**Sermon: Called to be Peacemakers**

**Bible Verse: Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18**

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**Five reasons we are called to be peacemakers:**

1. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

*Isaiah 9:6 – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

2. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ is not of this \_\_\_\_\_

*John 18:36 – Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”*

3. Jesus way of peace is not the way of \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 26:52-53 – “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”*

4. Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 5:44-45 – But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*

5. Jesus says we are \_\_\_\_\_ if we are peacemakers,  
and he says peacemakers are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons [children] of God.*

**Four areas in which we need to be peacemakers:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 12:18 – If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**Growth Group prep:**

- Which of the five reasons is the most compelling reason for you to work towards peace?
- What is one step you can take this week towards making peace with an enemy?
- Which of the four areas in which we are called to be peacemakers is most challenging for you?
- Why is peace so important within the body of Christ?