

The Big Idea: Peacemaking is all about following Jesus, His person, work, message, and manner. It is to live out the gospel.

I. Review of the beatitudes

- A. They're BIRTHMARKS of a believer
- B. They're INTERNAL graces
- C. They're in a PURPOSEFUL order
- D. They're in sharp CONTRAST to the thinking of the world

II. The blessing of peacemaking

A. The IMPORTANCE of peace

- 1. Peace is part of God's CHARACTER
- 2. Peace is one of the BLESSINGS God gives to His followers
- 3. Peace is something we're COMMANDED to pursue
- 4. Peace is the word God uses to describe His COVENANT
- 5. Peace is at the heart of Jesus' MISSION

B. The ENEMY of peace

- 1. WORLD
- 2. FLESH
- 3. DEVIL

C. The AMBASSADOR of peace...blessed are the peacemakers

- 1. Jesus does not have in mind...
 - Global DISARMAMENT
 - A PEACEFUL person

- YEARNNS for peace, aspires to it, desires it
- Peace at any PRICE

2. Jesus does have in mind a person...

- Who works to RESOLVE conflict biblically

- Who works to KEEP conflict from happening

D. The BADGE given to the peacemaker

1. WHAT?

2. By WHO?

- Called sons of God by OTHERS
- Called sons of God by GOD

III. What we take away...

Would those who know you best call you a peacemaker?

Is your life characterized by conflict or peace?

Who is one person you have an unresolved conflict with, and what is one step of peacemaking you will take?