



PEACEMAKERS

Peacemakers: "Do Your Work First"

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Scripture: Matthew 7:1-6

Series Overview

Jesus taught, "blessed are the peacemakers," and then He backed this up with teaching after teaching to help us live this out. For the next six weeks, we'll study and practice the art of peacemaking. We'll focus on the teachings of Jesus and our response will be our missional calling into the world.

Series Question

How can you practice the following four ways of being a peacemaker this week?

1. Ask anything
2. Listen well
3. Disagree freely
4. Love regardless

Sermon Overview

Jesus said in what is known as the Beatitudes, "blessed are the peacemakers." In this series, we have been focused on how to be peacemakers. One of the ways we can be effective peacemakers is by addressing our own bias and perspectives. Later on in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus outlines how we are to do this. He says, do not judge. Instead, have a critical eye on you before you try to help others.

Sermon Questions

In what ways do you find yourself being judgmental- in particular about the value and worth of other people?

According to the statistic that most people believe they are better than the average American, do you think you are better than the average American? What values are you using to make that assessment?

Life experiences and environments reinforce our world views, political orientations, religious beliefs, and more. What things in your life influence a judgmental spirit? What things in your life reinforce your bias?

What was something you heard today that caused your eyes to be opened to see people or an idea in a different way?

The Holy Spirit reveals the truth about ourselves. How are you making room for the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

What work are you doing in your own life to make sure you can have clarity of vision?

Practical Application

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal an area you can work on to see others like God sees them and heal areas of hypocrisy. Journal what the Spirit shares.

Resources

- When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
- Learn more about BLU_PRINT at <https://wearebluprint.com/about>