

Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.

Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway! Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)

Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)

Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)

Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker What is something you feel like is a big deal, even if it isn't? In other words, what is a molehill you'd make a mountain out of?

Read Matthew 5:9

What is a peacemaker?

Question: What is a peacekeeper? What do we think of them? How is a peacemaker different?

The Biblical concept of peace-shalom- is much more than the absence of conflict, but the working together of all creation.

Question: What would shalom look like in:

- Nature?
- Human interactions?
- An individual?
- Other: _____

Has there been someone in your life who has radiated peace? Who clearly has it in themselves or helps bring peace to others?

How do we become peacemakers?

Read John 14:27

John reminds us of the ultimate source of our peace- Christ.

Question: How have you seen Christ's work bring peace between people? Within people?

Question: Do you relate to any of these ways in struggling to find peace?

- I can feel peace until some inconvenience sets me off, fairly or not.
- I can feel peace for weeks, and can just lose it for other weeks
- I'm so concerned with other things that I don't even notice that I've lost my peace
- Peace is something that comes only on my vacation weeks
- Other: _____

What are some ways/practices you have felt Christ's peace be brought to you recently?

Are there practices you could implement to help find peace?

How does thinking about Christ bring peace when you consider:

- His suffering?
- His ministry?
- His resurrection?
- His intercession?
- Other: _____

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
