



**KINGDOM CITIZENS**  
EMBODYING THE CHARACTER OF GOD IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

## Kingdom Citizens are Peacemakers

### SUMMARY:

We live in a time of political division, but as Christ-followers we can be beacons of hope pointing to our true citizenship in heaven that has been given to us in Jesus. In this Sunday's message Pastor Derwin shared that Kingdom citizens are peacemakers. Peacemaking is more than pacifying. It is related to the Hebrew term *shalom*, which means wholeness with God and humanity such that things are deeply as they should be. In this way, it is a term of closeness. This is why peacemakers are called sons of God.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 5:3-12.

- We've been learning about all the different types of people Jesus calls blessed. Which of these words describe people you know? Which describe you?
- What makes someone a peacemaker?
- How do you imagine a deeply peaceful society to be?

Read Romans 5:1-2.

- Think of a famous person with authority or notoriety giving you unlimited access to hang out with them. Who would you choose and what would you do with them?
- Verse 2 describes having that kind of access to God. What are you doing with the access He has given you?
- God has chosen to be with you. What does that say about how He sees you?
- How does what God says about you challenge lies you might believe about yourself? How might this internal peace shape your life?

Read Romans 12:18-21.

- These verses describe our participation in God's peace-making mission. What do they tell us about how Kingdom Citizens operate?

- Most of us don't have true enemies, but all of us have people that are hard to be peaceable with. Who are those people in your life?
- Is there an area in your life that feels unjust where you can trust justice to God and be a peacemaker? (*see also 2 Corinthians 5:20-21*)

Read Matthew 5:10-12.

- Under what circumstances are those who are persecuted called blessed?
- How does this persecution allow us to embody life in the Kingdom of God?
- For those whose life is marked by righteousness, verse 12 calls us to be glad and rejoice. What is one way that you can rejoice in the midst of persecution this week?

**SOUL TATTOO: Be a Peacemaker.**

**ACTION STEP: Go all in and participate in our Disciple-Making Culture!**