

**THE PEACEMAKER**  
Matthew 5:9

Oakridge Community Church  
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

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**I. PEACE WITH GOD**

- A. God is peace (Rom 16:20, Phil. 4:9, 1 Thess. 5:23, Is. 5:9)
- B. He is our peace and the source of all peace (Eph. 2:13-14)

**II. PEACE FOR GOD**

- A. Conflict is an opportunity to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31)
- B. Peacemakers display God as their Father (Matt. 5:9)

**III. PEACE FROM GOD**

- A. Peacemaking is a call to suffer (2 Tim 3:12)
- B. Life in Christ is the power for peace (2 Peter 1:3)

Conclusion

1. The peace (shalom) of the Bible has the idea of wholeness and overall well-being, going far beyond the concept of the absence of conflict. How does that affect your thinking about being a peacemaker?
2. Most of us are “peace-enjoyers.” However, Jesus says His followers are also active peacemakers. How should this affect our approach to trouble and conflict?
3. What is peace with God? How does peace with God come to be? What does that mean for us as peacemakers?
4. What did Pastor Jonathan mean by the phrase “peace for God”? How can we be more intentional about making peace for God in this sense?
5. Why are peacemakers called the sons of God? Does this motivate you to be more involved as a peacemaker? How? Why?
6. What differences are there between the peace the world gives and the peace that God gives through Jesus Christ (John 14:27)? Can we be true peacemakers apart from the peace that comes from God? Why or why not?