

I. Peace Made. . . . Jesus is the way.

- A. The need for a peace treaty. (Eph. 2:11-22)
- B. The accomplishment of a peace treaty. (Eph. 1:16)
- C. The signing of a peace treaty. (2 Cor. 5:20)

II. Peace-Making. . . .Jesus shows us the way.

- A. Making peace is God-focused, not self-focused.
- B. Making peace is active, not passive.
- C. Making peace is costly, not cheap.

III. Peacemakers. . . .Jesus calls us to the way.

- A. A call to be at peace with all men. (Rom. 12:18)
- B. A call to help others make peace with God. (2 Cor. 5:20)
- C. A call to help people make peace with themselves.
- D. A call to help people make peace with others.

1. How do the beatitudes reveal our sin? How do they drive us to Jesus? Review how Jesus embodies each of these beatitudes? What is the “gospel circle”?
2. Is the world a place of peace to you? How does the world think peace can be accomplished? Why is the world not a peaceful place according to the Bible? How does the Bible say peace will be accomplished?
3. Humanity is not at peace with one another, but what is the deeper, more basic problem? When we think of a relationship with God, do we normally think about being enemies of God?
4. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does God frame humanity’s relationship with Him? What kinds of phrases are used? What is enmity?
5. How is Jesus the peace treaty of God? How does God accomplish peace? If peace is accomplished, what is left for men and women to do?
6. Discuss the context of Jesus words. As He is calling us to be peacemakers, what is He getting ready to become?
7. Jesus is not only the way, He shows us the way to make peace. How does He do this? What are some things we learn about how to make peace by looking at how He makes peace?
8. What does a call to be peacemakers involve? How have you been involved in a peacemaking process? How does evangelism relate to peacemaking? Imagine and discuss scenarios where there may be a need for peacemaking between others.