

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Nathan Loxley Sunday: August 9, 2020

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Now, read Matthew 5:9.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Discuss.
- 4) What do you think it means to be a peacemaker? And who are some people whom you would describe as peacemakers?
- 5) Nathan talked about the idea of Shalom—a Hebrew word—that means "everything is at peace." When was the last time you felt at peace? Why?
- 6) Read, Colossians 1:19-20. How did Jesus make peace by the blood of his cross?
- 7) Nathan said that one of the ways we can be peacemakers is by sharing the message of how Jesus made peace by the blood of his cross (the gospel). Who are you currently praying for, that they might be saved by Jesus?
- 8) Another way we can be peacemakers is through living as citizens as the kingdom of God and following the ethics of the kingdom of God. The sermon on the mount is essentially a summation of this kind of lifestyle. Read Matthew 5:13-16 (a small portion of the sermon on the mount). What sticks out to you?
- 9) How do you need to grow as a peacemaker?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.