



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	23-08-2020	Blessed are the peacemakers
 Read	Matthew 5:9 + Matthew 26:47-56	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What attributes/ characteristics have you inherited through your genes? <input type="checkbox"/> When do (or did) you experience conflict? <input type="checkbox"/> What's the difference between passive, aggressive, and assertive? <input type="checkbox"/> Why are we humans so prone to conflict?	
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> v.9: What's the difference between a <i>peacekeeper</i> and a <i>peacemaker</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> v.9: How did Jesus make peace? <input type="checkbox"/> v.9: Why are peacemakers called 'children of God'? What are they inheriting? <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:50: What's the significance of Jesus calling Judas His ' <i>friend</i> '? <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:51: Why do some Christians try to 'defend' Jesus by doing the opposite of His teaching/ Gospel? What effect does that have? <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:53-54: Jesus' non-violent Way was God's non-violent way. Does that change how we view the Cross/ atonement?	
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> To what extent are you a <i>peacemaker</i> ?	
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Find out where wars and conflicts are taking place around the world today, and pray for peace. <input type="checkbox"/> Do something courageous in your family, workplace, church to make/ spread Shalom – God's wholeness/ completeness – peace.	
 Pray	<i>Dear God,</i> <i>Thank you that you are the source of all true peace, Shalom. Forgive me when I have lashed out, in word or deed. Help me to _____. Help me to join with You in being a peacemaker, not shying away from conflict, but calling it out, in order that all might experience Your perfect peace, Your Shalom. In particular, I pray _____. Amen</i>	
 My question:		



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