



Today's Topic: When we are overwhelmed by conflict in the world...,

Matthew 5:9, Romans 14:17-19

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Jesus's Promise

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9 (NIV, 2011)

1. What are we doing?

"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...." Romans 14:17 (NIV, 2011)

2. Why are we doing it?

"...[B]ecause anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval." Romans 14:18 (NIV, 2011)

3. How do we do it?

"Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification." Romans 14:19 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Make a little peace this week!

Discussion Questions:

1. What advocates for peace have you admired over the years? Why have you admired them?
2. Read Romans 14:13-17. Why was the church in Rome arguing about “eating and drinking”? Do churches today struggle with similar matters? What would they be, and why are they similar?
3. Why does Paul remind the church that God is ultimately seeing to restore “righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”?
4. Read Roman 14:18. How will our desire to serve Christ change the way that we respond to conflict? How does this response please both God and others?
5. Read Roman 4:19. What sorts of things can we do that will lead “to peace and to mutual edification”?
6. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?