





 <p><b>SERIES &amp; TITLE</b></p>	<p>JESUS MANIFESTO - Blessed are the Peacemakers</p>
 <p><b>BIG IDEA</b></p>	<p>The way of peacemaking is the way of Jesus.</p>
 <p><b>ICE BREAKER</b></p>	<p>Share a time when you witnessed or experienced someone being a peacemaker in a difficult situation. How did it impact those involved?</p>
 <p><b>MAIN POINTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Peacemaking is not just avoiding conflict, but actively engaging to create harmony.</li> <li>● Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, even when it's challenging or unpopular.</li> <li>● Peacemaking involves seeing others as children of God, regardless of differences.</li> <li>● True peacemaking requires self-reflection and personal growth.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>DISCUSS</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pastor Rachel mentions that loving others and making peace is great until it gets personal. Can you relate to this? Share an experience where peacemaking became challenging due to personal involvement.</li> <li>2. How does the idea of being a "peacemaker" differ from being a "peacekeeper"? Why is this distinction important?</li> <li>3. The message highlights four groups Jesus was addressing in the Sermon on the Mount (Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, and Zealots). Which group do you find yourself relating to most in your approach to conflict?</li> <li>4. Pastor Rachel shares the story of Amal and the Tent of Nations. What lessons can we learn from their approach to conflict and peacemaking?</li> <li>5. The message touches on making peace with ourselves and with God. Why are these aspects important in becoming effective peacemakers with others?</li> <li>6. What are some practical steps we can take to "build bridges" instead of "walls" in our relationships and interactions with others?</li> <li>7. How might our approach to current events or societal issues change if we truly embraced Jesus' call to be peacemakers?</li> </ol>
 <p><b>NEXT STEP</b></p>	<p>Identify where there is a lack of peace happening in your life. Who do you need to make amends with? What conflict do you need to ask God into so that he can show you how to make peace with it?</p>
 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b></p>	<p>Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.</p> <p>Romans 12:14-18 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.</p>



**NEXT WEEK**

**SNEAK**

**PEAK**

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