

# “Kingdom Come”

## Sermon on the Mount Series: Seventh Lesson

“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.” MATT 5:9

- **QUESTION:** What impact is the series having on your faith so far?

Peacemakers:

- Not appeasers
- Not peacekeepers
- **QUESTION:** “What is the difference between *peacekeeping* and *peacemaking*?”

## 1. Peacemaking in the Bible

### a. God

- Sending his prophets, the ‘covenant-enforcers’
- Bringing his people back, **Zech 8.8, 10.10** (search “bring them back” and similar phrases)

### b. Jesus

- From enemies to friends: **Eph 2.11-22, Col 1:20.**
- Peter’s restoration: **Matt 26.74, Luke 22.32, John 21.**

### c. Paul

- Corinth: Starts church (**Acts 18**); Sends a letter (lost, **1 Cor 5.9**); Chloe writes to say all is not well (**1 Cor 1.11; 7:1**); Paul sends Timothy with a letter (**1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10**); Paul visits (**2 Corinthians 2:1; 12:14**); Paul sends Titus with a letter (lost, **2 Corinthians 2:4, 12ff; 7:5-8**); Paul sends another letter (**2 Corinthians**); On his way to Jerusalem Paul visits Corinth (Achaia) to collect money for poor Christians in Judaea (**Rom 15.25-27**).
- Philemon: Case study for personal study.

## 2. Peacemaking in life

[See the more extended notes in the additional handout for this verse]

### a. It’s costly

- a. Time: listening to people
- b. Energy: physical, emotional
- c. Spiritually: prayer

### b. It’s worth it

- a. God at work creating something beautiful
- b. Rewards of becoming more like Jesus

**QUESTION:** “What situations has God provided in which you could act as a peacemaker?” “Both for people to find peace with God, and for people to find peace with one another?”

How can you develop a peacemaking spirit? Reflect on the peace you have with God, **Matthew 18.21-35**. Pray the beatitudes.

**QUESTION:** How will this verse affect the way you live this week?