



Life Group Resource
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The Way of Jesus - Matthew 5:9

Read as a Group: Matthew 5:1-12 and discuss the Beatitudes up to this point.
Describe a time in your life that you had to either make peace with someone or someone came to you to make peace with you. **Do not feel that you need to share the situation ... just the manner in which peacemaking took place and what it felt like to give it or to share it.**

Read Acts 2:42-47

Do you see this taking place? If yes, how? If no, what is keeping it from taking place?

Read Ephesians 2:11- chapter 3

According to Paul (VS 12) what did we lack before we were added to the Family of God - through Salvation?

How is Jesus our peace? (VS 14)

Are you being built together? Is there a unity of purpose for your group?

Are we / How are we making the manifold wisdom of God known? (3:10-12)

Luke 4:18-19 - Jesus knew the scriptures. He was trained as a Rabbi. He knew the book of Isaiah. When He received the scroll of Isaiah he knew where to turn to so he could read about himself to the people. Read Isaiah 61:1-2a. Jesus stopped reading half way through verse 2 because the rest of the passage in Isaiah is concerning His second coming. He was just preaching the Day of the Lord's Favor at that time.

If you and I have the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:14-21) then how are we continuing these teachings?

Poor - those who are desperate - look back to Matthew 5:3

Freedom - those who are imprisoned by the law

Sight - those who cannot see the way

Release - those who are living in bondage to sin

Take some time to pray as a group - go back to Ephesians 3:14-21 and pray what Paul prayed for the church.

As a Son/Daughter of God you are an heir into the Kingdom of God. You have access to the Father right now through the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Does that show as evident in your life?