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SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called the Sons of God (Matt 5:9)

1. There are 3 main types of people - Peace-breakers, Peace-fakers & Peace-makers. Discuss the differences.
2. "It's much easier to create conflict than it is to promote peace." Do you agree?
3. What are the characteristics of someone who is a peacemaker? When have you found yourself in the role of a 'peacemaker'?
4. *When we are involved in a quarrel, there will either be the pain of apologising to the person we have injured, or the pain of rebuking the person who has injured us'*
Which do you find the hardest? Why?
5. Our attitude is imprinted on those around us. One unfriendly person can sour the atmosphere for many.
One person generating God's peace can have a profound impact on those around. Discuss and give an example of each type of situation and some peacemakers you know.

6. In Jeremiah's day, false prophets prophesied what the people wanted to hear. Jeremiah 6:14. *They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. They say, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. Does the same thing happen today?*

7. *If we get worried and uptight every time someone hurts our feelings, we're in trouble.* We all have things that need to be sorted out in our lives and we need others to reveal our blind spots and help us with this. Who is the person that helps you in this way? Are they kind in the way they go about it? Share about a time when you were harshly corrected or rebuked.

8. *Peacemaker's are blessed, not because they know how to treat their enemies... But because they live and love in a way where they consider no one to be an enemy.* Do you agree? Do you know people who are like this? How do you rate in this regard?

9. When God grows purity and peace in us, we can then plant this peace in others. Does someone come to mind who you can plant peace into this week?

10. We are all called to be ministers of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:11-21) How do you feel about this role? Do you know someone who is particularly good at this? What do we need to do, to improve in this?

11. Pray for each other.