



Peacemaking - 9/13/2020

OVERVIEW

Every believer is called to love God and love others. But what if we are different from the "others" or disagree with the "others"? A peacemaker is someone who is actively working to bring about peace and reconciliation where there is hatred or disunity. How as Christians can we shine Christ's love in a world which is continually at odds? How can God use you and your gifts during this time to be a peacemaker?

Scriptures: Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 5:9

APPLICATION

- While watching Tony and Laura Erskine's story, what stood out to you?
- A peacemaker is someone who is actively working to bring about peace and reconciliation where there is hatred or disunity. Who in your life have you seen as a peacemaker? Share why.
- Melvin talks about the 4 steps of peacemaking:
 - a. Glorify God in all that you do.
 - b. Get the log out of your own eye.
 - c. Go show your brother their fault.
 - d. Go and be reconciled to your brother.

Is there a specific situation where you see God is showing you the need to use these steps to make something right? What step toward reconciliation can you take this week?

• Now think on a larger scale...What gift has God given you to use during this time to be a peacemaker?

TAKE ACTION: God calls us to be peacemakers and to love Him and love others even if they disagree with us or have different views. Read the Lord's prayer again. As you are reading the words, "Our Father," "Give us," and "Forgive us," take a moment to think of a specific person or group for whom there is disunity or strife in your heart. Ask God to change your heart and to see others the way He sees them.