

## **“Being Peacemakers in a World of Troublemakers”**

Matthew 5:38-48

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### ***Introduction:***

- A. Peace can be a very \_\_\_\_\_ thing.
- B. Everybody likes the idea of peace in the \_\_\_\_\_, but when it comes to doing \_\_\_\_\_ things that lead to peace, that’s when we face resistance.

### ***I. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Peacemaking***

- A. “Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be called \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (Mt. 5:9)
- B. Other passages that challenge us to be peacemakers: Rom. 14:19; 12:18; Heb. 12:14; James 3:18

### ***II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for Peacemaking***

- A. The story of Michael Brewer who was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The story of Josie Ratley who was almost \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ by another teenager.
- C. The story of Jon Carmichael who committed suicide after being \_\_\_\_\_ at school.
- D. The story of Phoebe Prince who took her own life after being \_\_\_\_\_ at school.

### ***III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Peacemaking***

- A. We cannot be peacemakers without \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. It is only through the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ living in us that we can sow peace.
- C. Helpful Biblical Passages: James 3:17-18; Matthew 5:38-48; Romans 12:17-21
- D. Jesus said that when we treat our enemy \_\_\_\_\_, then we will be overcoming \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make him or her your \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. The story of \_\_\_\_\_ is a good illustration of this.
- G. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 is a good closing prayer.

Answer Key: Intro.A. elusive. B. abstract, concrete. I. Call. I.A. peacemakers, children. II. Need. II.A. burned, bullies. II.B. beaten, death. II.C. bullied. II.D. bullied. III. How. III.A. God’s, help. III.B. Holy, Spirit. III.D. well, evil, good. III.E. friend. III.F. Wade, Boggs.