**Peacemakers Discussion Guide**

In many ways, peace is a foreign concept in our world. Unfortunately, war is a common thing. On a personal level, we are all at war within our hearts. We are constantly battling temptation and sin. However, Jesus has called us into this world to be peacemakers.

Peace is not just the absence of conflict or avoiding conflict at all costs. Genuine peace is deeper than that. Peace in the Bible is a broad term that relates to health, prosperity, harmony, and wholeness. It’s about experiencing the full presence, peace, abundance, and blessings of God. It means living my life experiencing all those things as I live out God’s purposes for my life.

In order to be peacemakers, we have to be intentional about making peace. The first step is learning to love others the way that God does. We need to see people the same way God does. We must share the gospel of peace with those who are lost. We also need to be willing to practice forgiveness. We ask for forgiveness and give forgiveness when necessary. The reward for peacemaking is that we are called sons and daughters of God. We are members of the family of God. We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, and we are actively engaged in helping others make peace with God through Jesus Christ.

**Key Verse: Matthew 5:9**

**Discussion Questions:**

* In what ways is peace more than just the absence of war, or conflict?
* In what ways can you be a peacemaker in your relationships?
* How is your identity as a “child of God” related to your being a “peacemaker”?

**Prayer Focus:**

Ask God to show you any sin for which you need to ask forgiveness. Pray that He will give you the ability to see others the same way He sees them. Ask Him to give you the ability to love others the same He loves them. Pray for opportunities to make peace with others and help them make peace with God.

**Next Steps**

1. Is there someone in your life with whom you need to make peace? If so, take steps to reconcile that relationship.
2. Do you know someone who needs to make peace with God? Plan to share the gospel with them this week.