

## Deep Happiness – Peacemakers – Week 7 – Pastor Rob 6-12-22

1. What do you think of when you hear the word peace?
2. What are some things that bring you peace?

*Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*

Being a Peacemaker is very different from experiencing peace, because a peacemaker is called to enter into places of disunity.

3. Pastor Rob said that having peace is not what brings us happiness, but being a peacemaker brings us happiness. What are your thoughts about this?

*Romans 5:10 - For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.*

4. Did you feel like an enemy of God before you were a Christian?
5. Can someone experience deep happiness without knowing God?
6. Can you experience peace without knowing God?

*2 Corinthians 5:18-19 - And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

7. Peacemakers are those who bring reconciliation between God and others. Who do you know who needs to be reconciled to God?

### **A simple way we can help bring peace between others and God is by B.L.E.S.S.ing them:**

**B – Begin with prayer** – Who are you praying for that they would know Jesus?

**L – Listen to others** – Who are you listening to and showing you care?

**E – Eat with others** – Who can you invest time in by sharing a meal, or drink this week?

**S – Serve others** – Who can you serve this week?

**S – Share Jesus** – When you have prayed, and demonstrated love for others, God will give you opportunities to share who He is and what He has done for you.

8. Why do you think that God asks all of His followers to love others and share Jesus?
9. What impact does it have in our lives if we don't love others?
10. What impact does it have in others lives if we choose not to B.L.E.S.S. them?
11. Which of these 5 is the most difficult for you?
12. Which is the easiest?
13. Who can you begin to pray for this week?

*James 4:1-3 - What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. <sup>3</sup> And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

14. Peacemakers also bring reconciliation between people. Is there anyone you need to make amends with?
15. Is there anyone you need to help reconcile with someone else?
16. How does B.L.E.S.S.ing others help with reconciliation?
17. Why is unity and peace so important?
18. What's your action step for this week?