

## **Discussion Questions – 10/3/21**

### A Peaceable Kingdom in a Persecuting World (Matthew 5:9-12)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions concerning the sermon text:

- What is the biblical view of peacemaking?
  - How does this compare to other points of view in the world?
- What role did peacemaking play in Christ's mission to the world? Look up Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:4, 5; John 14:27; John 20:22; Colossians 1:20.
  - Do you remember a time when the saving peace of God changed you? What was it like?
- What role does peacemaking play in the lives of Jesus' followers? Look up James 3:17-18; Romans 12:14-18; Phil 4:2-4.
  - In what ways are Christians in danger of contributing to dissension in society and church?
  - What are examples or ways that Christians can be peacemaking in society, in the workplace, home, church and in personal relationships?
- The spaces where we are impatient, irritable, angry are very often the places God is calling us to move towards peacemaking.
  - Where is the Holy Spirit leading and equipping you to make peace in your life this week?
  - How can the group help you take this step?
  - Can we follow up about that at the next meeting?