

**BHBC Life Group notes**  
**29 September 2019**  
**As For Me And My House**  
**“Blessed are the peacemakers”**

**Read: Joshua 24:15**

**What are some Christ-centred decisions people / families need to make in today's world?**

**Read: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus said this the people listening would have been shocked! These were counter-cultural statements because people there had been raised with the mindset "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Jesus was saying something that was shocking, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

There is a higher calling for those who follow Jesus. Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it.

**What is the stand-out moment from Sunday's service?**

**What impacted you most from the sermon on Sunday?**

**What impact will it have to be intentionally living a Christ-centred life?**

**Why do you think the distinction has been made between Christian families and centred families?**

Quote from sermon series:

*The same Jesus Who turned water into wine can transform your home, your life, your family, and your future. He is still in the miracle-working business, and His business is the business of transformation.*

On Sunday the teaching focused on being a "peacemaker". The Greek term translated as "peacemaker" in Matthew 5:6 means literally one who produces "peace" or "makes peace."

**Why do you think Jesus did not say, "blessed are the peacekeepers"?**

**What are the fundamental differences between a peacekeeper and a peacemaker?**

**Why do think so many families into today's world have accepted conflict as a normal part of life?**

1. A Peacemaker tells the truth in love

**Ephesians 4:14-16**

**How do you tell the truth in love?** (suggested answers: Tell the truth in love during non-conflict times. Confront the issue not the person).

**Describe a time when you told the truth in love by confronting the issue and not the person. What did you learn from your experience?**

2. A Peacemaker apologises when they are wrong

**Jame 5:16**

3. A Peacemaker forgives and lets go.

**Colossians 3:13**

**How do we forgive that which is unforgivable?** (Answer: refer to the last part of Colossians 3:13).

**If someone needs to forgive, what steps could they take towards forgiving?**

**Are you more of a peacekeeper or a peacemaker? Explain.**

**What steps might you need to take to become a stronger peacemaker?**

**What's one thing you will do this week to help you become a stronger peacemaker?**

Additional scriptures:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Philippians 2:9-11

1 Peter 5:6