



THE BIG IDEA

God doesn't want us to maintain peace, God wants us to make peace.

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

Christians are the best chance for the world to see itself through a paradigm of peace.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Lean into the convictions we have from our experience with Jesus. Allow our love to compel us more than our fear.

START HERE

We want our entire church to be a part of the conversation. If you missed any of the messages from Sunday, you can catch up [here](#).

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This week's message begins our series on the Beatitudes. Ryan gave an overview of why the Beatitudes are important to the Christian life.

Begin by reading the Beatitudes together from Matthew 5:1-11

Discussion Questions

What is the difference between "peacemaking" and "Peacekeeping?"

Why is it important to make such a distinction?

Matthew 5:9 says that peacemakers will be known as "the children of God." If God's children are peacemakers, what does that say about the character and desires of God?

When you look at the current temperature of the evangelical community in America, how would you say we are perceived by the non-believing people in our communities? Are we known for making peace?

What can we do at Forefront in order to become better peacemakers?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Book- *Seeking God's Face: Praying with the Bible through the year*- [BUY](#)
- More resources posted on the Forefront blog- [READ](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6th - 7th

- Forefront Marriage Retreat
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February 24th

- Newcomers Dinner, 7pm

February 23rd

- Introverts Gathering at the office

BENEDICTION

Holy God of Love,

There is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love.

A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness.

Amen