

**Baycities Lomita Fall 2019 Growth Groups**  
**Series: “Living The Jesus Life” Part 7**  
**Theme: “Welcome To The Family Business!”- Week of October 20, 2019**  
**Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions**

**Message Summary:** Jesus said the peacemakers are blessed... and they are true sons of God. Peacemakers are the very people who carry on what Jesus began as the “Prince of Peace”... He brought peace to a sin-ridden world, by doing what it took to pay the price for the sins of all of us! Peace with God is the key thing here! There are lots of other peace missions, but this one, helping people find peace with God, is now the mission for every forgiven & redeemed Jesus Follower to take on! Blessed are the peace makers... those who help unbelieving people connect with Jesus- the prince of peace...they are part of the greatest mission of all time! The Gospel message of peace is our greatest tool for peacemakers! Romans 1:16 says that the gospel of Jesus Christ- is the power of God for salvation for everyone! It opens hearts and seals the deal for those looking to find a way to God! And this kind of peacemaking is the primary business for Jesus Followers. In fact, it is the family business for the family of God! That’s why Jesus calls us “sons of God” as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9). We are deeply involved in the family business of God our Father, when we share the gospel of Jesus with others.

1. Peace makers are those who share the gospel of Jesus with unbelieving people.  
Read 1 Cor. 15:1-8, where Paul details the elements of the “gospel story” and discuss the following questions.
  - a. Read verses 1-5 again. The word “Gospel” means good news. What do you see in these first 5 verses that would be good news to people looking to find peace w/ God?
  - b. Look at verse 6. How many people did the resurrected Jesus appear to at the same time as described in that verse? How could they all manage to be in the same place?
  - c. After reading the account of the “Gospel Story” as told by Paul the Apostle, who was converted through a personal interaction with the resurrected Jesus, would you describe the gospel story as complicated or “more simple” and straight forward? Explain your answer.
  - d. Now that the gospel story is in your mind, could you describe the basics of the gospel story to another person with a level of confidence? Are there any parts of the gospel story that you need to know more about to be able to tell it? Discuss your answer.

2. The **family business** we join when we become Believers in Jesus is all about helping other people find peace with God themselves. What are some objections you hear about or encounter or know about that other people have voiced to their believing the Gospel message? Discuss the objection and some ways to answer it from God's Word.
  
3. It is important for us to know the "non-negotiables" of the Gospel message. A big one is—unless you repent (turn from it, seek forgiveness from Jesus for it) of your sin, you will not see or enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:3; Matt. 3:2). Discuss the following questions:
  - a. Read Matt. 10:34-36. What does it mean for peacemaking that Jesus came to bring a sword and not peace to our relational lives because of the Gospel Message? (Hint: Does the gospel cause people to like you or often reject you based on your sharing the gospel with them?)
  
  - b. We love people and that is the main motivation we have for sharing the Gospel of Jesus with them. But when they reject it or us, our response has to be to pray for them to see their need for Jesus. Who around you needs Jesus and what is your main concern for them individually that might keep them from believing? List down your concerns for 3 people close to you who don't know Jesus and begin praying for them.