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PASTOR JAMES CAMERON

As we gather in our homes for online worship service this Sunday (machurch.net/livestream), we are looking for stories and testimonies from our church family of the ways that God has been able to use you to share His hope in the midst of this uncertain time. Have you been able to pay for someone's groceries? Given someone a package of toilet paper? Had a conversation with a neighbor where you were able to share the hope you have in Jesus? Email your stories to the church office machurch@machurch.net, and we will look at sharing a couple (without using names) during our online services.

Message Notes

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND FURTHER STUDY

1. Who do you think are the famous peacemakers in history? Some may think of Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa... (Coincidentally, many of them are strongly influenced by Jesus!), and Jesus Christ himself.
2. In what ways did these famous peacemakers promote peace? Were they successful?
3. In what ways is Jesus the ultimate peacemaker?
4. How are followers of Jesus Christ peacemakers? What is the role of a peacemaker? How is the church an agent of peacemaking? What is your role?
5. What does Jesus mean when he said peacemakers will be called sons of God? (Jesus has brought us peace with God, has called us to be agents of God's peace to the world, and has called us to a ministry of peacemaking...explore these connections in depth).

Scriptures to Ponder and Apply

Matthew 5:9; Isaiah 32:17; James 3:17; Psalm 133:1; Colossian 3:15; Galatians 5:22

Think about one way that your family can reach out to a friend who is facing a difficult or trying time right now. Maybe it's making a phone call, maybe it's making a meal for someone in need. Maybe it's writing an encouraging note to encourage a friend. Find a way that you and your family could affirm a friend in their faith in God.

One more note: The *Another in the Fire* song referenced in Pastor James' message can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1wvgLkyVfQ>

How was your Online Church experience this morning? Are there ways that we could improve? What worked really well? How were you encouraged? We would LOVE to hear how your experience was! Please send your feedback to machurch@machurch.net !

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