



Note to Self Week 6 – People Who Make Peace
Spiritual Formation Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take a next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

"Change your life. God's kingdom is here."

Matthew 4:17 (Message paraphrase)

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
Matthew 5:3-9

"those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."

James 3:18

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Romans 12:18 (NIV)

Reflection Questions:

- What's an unexpected blessing from God that you noticed this week?
- Read the 2 versions of Matthew 4:17 listed above. Then, read Matthew 5:3-9. What do you notice as you read those Scriptures together? What do you think Jesus is describing when he talks about the "kingdom of God?"
- What do you think of when you hear about someone being a peacemaker?
- Read James 3:18. What are the ways that you can plant peace this week?
- Jeremiah shared, "Peacemakers express God's character." How has God been a peacemaker in your life?
- Read Romans 12:18.
- Jeremiah shared, "Peace is what happens when our souls finally find what they're looking for." Where do you need God's peace today?
- What has God taught you about what it means to be blessed through this teaching series?

Looking for some ways to grow and be stretched spiritually? Check out our highlighted resources at www.wschurch.org/resources. These resources can be purchased using the links or are available for a small donation at the Next Steps area on Sunday mornings.