



**Your Happy Place**



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Date: March 9, 2025

Sermon Series: Your Happy Place: Living the Beatitudes of Jesus

Sermon Title: Would You Like a Peace of Happiness?

Scripture: Matthew 5:9

Speaker: Dr. Ron Jones

1. Read Matthew 5:9. Pastor Ron contrasted peacekeepers, peacemakers, and troublemakers. How can we identify these roles in our personal relationships (family, friendships, or work), and what steps can we take to shift from being a peacekeeper to a peacemaker?
2. The concept of "peace" in the Bible extends beyond the absence of conflict to encompass a sense of completeness and well-being. How can we cultivate this deeper peace in our own lives, particularly in difficult or stressful situations?
3. Jesus is called the "Prince of Peace" and the ultimate example of reconciliation. How does Jesus's model of peacemaking influence how we approach conflict and reconciliation in our own relationships?
4. Pastor Ron mentioned Ken Sande's four peacemaking principles (Glorify God, get the log out of your eye, gently restore, go and be reconciled). Which of these principles do you find most challenging to apply, and why?
5. The idea of "sons of God" as peacemakers reflects God's character. In what ways can our efforts to bring peace in our communities and relationships reflect the character of God? How does this impact our role as ambassadors of reconciliation?