

Being a Peacemaker and Cooperating

Matthew 5:9

Main idea: To emphasize the importance of actively seeking peace and cooperation with others, and to provide practical steps or strategies for resolving conflicts and promoting cooperation in everyday life.

Topic: Cooperate

Scripture Verses to Support the Sermon on Being a Peacemaker and Cooperating:

1. Romans 12:18 - "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

- This verse emphasizes the importance of actively seeking peace and cooperation with others.

2. James 3:18 - "Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."

- This verse highlights the positive outcome of being a peacemaker and cooperating with others.

3. Ephesians 4:3 - "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

- This verse encourages believers to work towards unity and peace, emphasizing the need for cooperation.

Language Suggestions from Original Scriptures:

1. Matthew 5:9 - The Greek word for "peacemaker" is "eirenopoios," which can be further explained to the audience. It refers to someone who actively promotes peace and reconciliation.

2. Romans 12:18 - The Greek word for "live at peace" is "eireneuo," which implies actively pursuing peace and harmony with others.

3. James 3:18 - The Greek word for "peacemakers" is "eirenopoios," which carries the same meaning as in Matthew 5:9.

Additional Scripture Passages:

1. Proverbs 16:7 - "When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them."

- This verse demonstrates how God can intervene and bring about peace when we strive to be peacemakers.

2. Colossians 3:15 - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace."

- This verse emphasizes the importance of peace within the body of believers and encourages cooperation among them.

3. 1 Peter 3:11 - "They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it."

- This verse reinforces the idea of actively seeking peace and cooperating with others.

Practical Suggestions:

1. Provide examples from biblical narratives where characters demonstrated peacemaking and cooperation, such as Joseph forgiving his brothers (Genesis 50:15-21).
 2. Share practical steps or strategies for resolving conflicts and promoting cooperation in everyday life, drawing from biblical principles.
 3. Illustrate the benefits of being a peacemaker and cooperating with others through real-life stories or testimonies that highlight positive outcomes.
- Remember to weave these additional ideas and Scripture passages into your existing sermon outline to reinforce your main points on being a peacemaker and cooperating.