

Sept 15th, 2024-Bless This Home -Cultivating Peace Outline

1. Introduction

- Welcome and reminder about upcoming events
- God's love for everyone (Romans 5:8)

2. Series: "Bless this Home"

- Focus on Christ-centered, pure, and peace-filled homes

3. Main idea from Matthew 5 (Sermon on the Mount)

- Recap of last week's sermon on peace in the home
- Conflict exists due to not living out God's design
- Peace with others requires peace with oneself

4. Biblical perspective on peacemaking

- Book recommendation: "Peace Making for Families" by Ken Sande

5. Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the Peacemakers"

- Importance of being called "sons of God"
- False teaching: salvation without change
- John Piper's interpretation of the Beatitudes

6. Peacemaking in the home

- Seasonal vs. relational conflict
- Examples of dysfunctional relationships and conflicts

7. Peacemaking vs. Peacekeeping

- Characteristics of a peacekeeper
- Drawbacks of peacekeeping

8. Practical steps for peacemaking

1. Forgiveness

- What forgiveness is not
- Definition of forgiveness
- Four statements of forgiveness

2. Restoration

- Practical steps for restoration

9. Conclusion

- Preview of next week's topic: peacemaking with children