

Lighthouse Group Handout

Matthew 5:9 — The Image of Christ

Discussion Questions

1. Reflecting Christ

Where do you see a gap between the image of Christ and the image you naturally project when conflict or tension arises?

2. Peacemaker or Peacekeeper?

In what areas are you most tempted to keep peace (avoid conflict) instead of make peace (pursue truth-rooted reconciliation)?

3. Reconciliation

Why is it difficult to take the first step toward reconciliation? What holds you back?

4. Evangelism as Peacemaking

How does seeing evangelism as inviting people into peace with God change the way you think about sharing the gospel?

5. The Cost of Peacemaking

Where have you experienced the cost of peacemaking? What made it difficult to respond like Christ?

6. Cultural Tension

Why is Jesus' vision of peacemaking so countercultural today?

7. Our Church Witness

If CityLight pursued peacemaking at every level, how might our witness in Dayton change?

8. Personal Response

What is one step toward peace—relationally, spiritually, or missionally—you sense God calling you to take this week?