



## **Peacemaking Restores**

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Matthew 7:3-5 1 John 1:8-9;  
Matthew 6:12-15, Matthew 7:12  
**Weekend of May 8-9, 2021**

### Sermon Summary

Why is it up to me to clean up the world's mess? It isn't, but it would be nice if we could pick up after ourselves. The fifth piece of peacemaking is being people who lead others in repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation. In this sermon we talk about what repentance and forgiveness look like and how to pursue them so as to be reconciled.

### Discussion Questions

What did you do over the weekend?

How did you view church this weekend – live or in-person?

**READ Matthew 6:12-15**

In the Matthew passage, what are some of the implications of what Jesus says?

**READ Ephesians 4:32** – “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

How does this change the way you view your own sin?

Does this require anything of you?

Talk through this process that Pastor Ben mentioned:

**An Offer of True Forgiveness** (From Peacemakers Ministries)

1. I will not dwell on this incident.
2. I will not bring this incident up and use it against you.



3. I will not talk to others about this incident.
4. I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our relationship.

In your own heart, fill in this blank:

**“Jesus, how do I forgive \_\_\_\_\_ the way that you forgave me?”**

If you feel comfortable doing so, share the name with your group and allow them to pray for you in this process of forgiveness.

**“Peacemakers are good repenters”**

(1 John 1:5-9)

### Memory Passage

Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

### Verses We Read Together in Worship

Titus 3:5-7

### Songs We Sang Together in Worship

The Way

What a Beautiful Name

Great are You Lord

This is Amazing Grace

### Additional Resources Mentioned

*When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense* by Robert Jeffres

