

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 1

Day 4

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 3 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:9-10 (Jot down words that you want to reflect on)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Define *peace* in your own words. (v. 9)
- Can you think of ways Jesus was a peacemaker?
- What does *persecution* look like to you? (v. 10)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

Digging Deeper

- Describe the difference between peacemaking and just appeasing.
- How do you think a follower of Jesus wages peace at home, in the workplace, at school, etc.?
- Think about how James 3:2-6 impacts your ability to promote peace.
- Draw a conclusion about the degree of our Lord's compassion simply based on the blessing that already awaits the persecuted, namely the *Kingdom of Heaven*.
- What do you suppose 2 Timothy 3:12 means to you today in your world?
- How can you identify, support and empower the persecuted church worldwide?