

**The Pursuit of Happiness: Reconciling, Countercultural, Reviled  
Matthew 5:9-12**

**What happens when the Lord commissions pride-broken, regenerated, committed disciples to become disciple-makers?**

**When the Lord commissions committed disciples to become disciple-makers, the world is shaken by...**

- I. Their message of countercultural reconciliation: Peacemakers Matthew 5:9**
  - a. Peacemakers are Kingdom ambassadors looking for children of peace in a world of spiritual war Matt 10:5-15, Lk 14:25-33.
  - b. The aim: children of God cf. 2 Cor. 5:11-21
  
- II. Their prophetic witness of the kingdom of God: Countercultural and reviled Matthew 5:10-12.**
  - a. Persecuted for righteousness's sake: a message of repentance (cf. Matt. 3:1-12, 10:16-25).
  - b. Blessed are you: the prophetic ministry and eternal joy of the followers of Christ (cf. Is. 6:1-9, Heb. 12:1-2).

**Disciple-makers shake the world  
when they share the Word to reconcile the lost**

1. Who is God sending you to boldly and yet graciously invite to repent from sin and come to the saving faith of Jesus Christ? Being a witness for Christ may cost you worldly friendships but will gain you everlasting joy.
2. Redemptive suffering is part of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. As his follower, there must be a time when you answer his call to get out of your comfort zone to bring the gospel to the world. Could today be that day? Why don't you stop fighting God and say "here I am Lord, send me!"