



The Missing Peace

Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:8-14; John 14:27

Growth Group Discussion Questions for December 10, 2017

Getting Started:

- 1) Growing up, who was the peacemaker in your family?
- 2) What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain

READ: John 14:27

- 3) How would you describe the three types of peace presented in the sermon:
 - Eternal (spiritual) =
 - Internal (emotional) =
 - External (relational) =
- 4) What is the difference between the peace that Jesus gives and what the world gives?

READ: Mark 4:35-41

- 5) What brings on most of the "storms" in your life?
 - Pressures at work
 - Family problems
 - Hassles in relationships
 - Financial difficulties
 - Health problems
 - Worry about the future
 - Feelings of failure
 - Other _____

6) What do you do when storms come up in your life?

- Turn to a person I can trust
- Withdraw into myself
- Turn to God
- Get touchy and irritable
- Take charge of things
- Act like nothing is wrong
- Panic
- Other

Going Deeper

Pride is the sneaky, deceptive quality that keeps us from experiencing God's peace. It many times disguises itself as worry or anxiety.

- Does this surprise you? How do we often rationalize worry as a virtuous thing?

READ: Psalm 131. Jot down any insights, questions or key observations. (If possible read in the Amplified Version and the Message Version as well as the translation that you use on a normal basis for a different perspective.)

- How hard is it for you to sit still?
- How do you "still or quiet your soul"?
- What does the "weaned child" image spiritually suggest to you?
- To what "weaning" has the Holy Spirit called you?

Bringing it Home:

9) Describe the three steps to incorporate peace into your life (given in the message) in your own words. (As a refresher they are 1) Have a moment of clarity; 2) Let humility come in; and 3) Come to Jesus)

10) Is there anything you need to do or change as a result of what you've learned this week?