
The mark of peace:

Peace with God.

Romans 5:1-2; Isaiah 26:3-4

Peace no matter what.

Philippians 4:7; John 14:26-27; John 16:33

Peace can grow with practice.

1 Peter 1:2-9

Peace is greater than fear:

Peace empowers us to face our fears

Joshua 1:1-9, 5:13-15; John 14:23, 15:1-17; 2 Timothy 1:7

Peace is greater:

The fear of failure. (*What if I am not good enough?*)

Luke 10:38-42

The fear of money. (*What if there isn't enough?*)

Philippians 4:11-12; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 Timothy 6:6; Proverbs 23:4-5;
Ecclesiastes 5:10-11

The fear of wrong decisions. (*what if I am not wise enough?*)

Psalms 119:9-11, Proverbs 15:22, John 14:26

God's Decision Cycle

- Scripture
- Wise Counsel
- The Inner Promptings of the Holy Spirit

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow.

My Story

We all face fears. What are some fears that you are currently facing? What do you think is the root of your fears?

Have you ever experienced God's presence in the midst of a trial, problem or scary situation? If so, what was it like?

Going Deeper.

Look at the passages; find the promise made from God and our responsibility or condition for fulfilling that promise.

Bible reference: Philippians 4:6, 7

Promise:

Condition:

Bible reference: 1 Peter 4:12-14

Promise:

Condition:

Bible reference: John 15:5

Promise:

Condition:

What is the connection to God's promises, our inward peace?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Part of remaining with God and having peace is trust and obedience. Check out the following passages and jot down some blessings that God wants to give us and what part we play in receiving them.

Blessing/God's Part

Obedience/Our Part

1 Corinthians 10:13

1 John 1:9

John 14:15-18

John 15:14-17

Our priorities often drive the extent of our financial fear, contentment, and generosity even more than whether we are prosperous or in need. How can the following verses help us keep a healthy perspective?

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Proverbs 23:4-5

Luke 16:10-12

Jeremiah 9:23-24

God's word reminds us 251 times to not fear or be afraid. We can live in peace and be truly confident, strong, and courageous because of where we are in Christ.

Where are you in your relationship with Christ?

Are there fears that you need to turn over to Him?

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.