



DISUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Name of Names - Prince of Peace [John 14:27; Philippians 4:8]

GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

Remind each other of our simple expectations for meeting together

What in your life do you have such conviction about (a hobby, a product, an interest, a sports team, a child/family, a cause) that you could “sell” us on it today? Why is that?

QUICK REACTIONS

- How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
- What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?
- Did you disagree with something said, or what do you think should have been added or expanded on?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

Matt talked about how Jesus came as the Prince of Peace and is the only reason we can truly live peacefully with ourselves, with others and with God Himself.

- What kind of peace is Jesus offering to the disciples? Is it different from the peace He offers to us today?
- What kind of peace does the world offer us? How is the peace that Jesus offers to us different than the peace offered to us by the world?
- How can we tell if we are walking in the peace of Christ, or relying on the counterfeit peace of the world?
- Jesus seems to be saying that we have the choice whether or not our hearts are troubled and afraid. How is this possible? Does it have anything to do with His peace in our lives?
- How can we maintain the peace of Christ in our lives? With others? Should our life circumstances be a factor in our ability to abide in His peace? (Read and meditate on Colossians 3:15, Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 55:22, and Isaiah 26:3)
- Is there an area in your life where your peace is disturbed? Is there an area in your life where your peace is gone? What do you need to do to have God’s peace ruling in those areas?
- Where are the areas of your thinking that you need to “FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [John 14:27 and Philippians 4:8]

Why did Jesus use “peace” twice in the same sentence? “My peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you”

What were the disciples worried/afraid about?

What do you believe Jesus preparing his disciples for?

What does Paul mean by the word “think”? (Phil 4:8)

What is the significance and meaning of all the things Paul tells us to think about?

QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT TO US?

Why is it necessary to “cast our burdens to the Lord”? What does it matter?

How does “fixing our minds” (Philippians 4:8) and renewing our minds (Romans 12:2) work together?

In what ways can Jesus be your Peace/Shalom as you enter into a new year?

How can seeing Jesus as our Prince of Peace shape my prayers?

APPLICATION

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about, as a result of engaging with this passage?

How can we pray for each other?