



Message Discussion Guide Week of October 2, 2022

Message: Fruitful, Part 4: Peace

Key Scripture: John 14:27

Preacher: Jason Boddy

Message Highlights:

“Shalom” a Hebrew word often meant to convey “peace” when used as a greeting, has a deeper meaning in scripture.

In John 14:27, we hear that the peace Jesus gives us is different from how the world sees peace. As Christians, we’re able to receive this peace:

- Directly from God the Father, through the Son and Holy Spirit
- Through the encouragement and support of fellow believers.

Peace, like Joy, comes from something inside of us and is not dependent on the circumstances that surround us. Jesus peace in the boat (Matthew 8:23-27) is independent of the storm that has overtaken Jesus and the Disciples.

Sometimes we see God send peace in physical ways, like Jesus calming the storm or Gideon finding peace through God in his defeat of the Midianites. Other times, when God sends us peace, it is a spiritual peace that happens inside of us and is independent of what is going on outside of us.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you talk or think about peace in your life and in this world, what are some things that come to mind? If someone asked you to describe peace, what are some of the phrases or word pictures that come to mind?
2. Jason said that we find true peace (completeness or wholeness) through the God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and through fellow believers. Which do you see yourself or others around doing more often, seeking help from God and others or relying on

themselves? Do you find peace more quickly when you don't try to do it yourself? Why do you think we still rely on ourselves most often?

3. Read Matthew 8:23-27

- Have you ever been panicked in a literal storm? What about a metaphorical storm? How did you handle that situation?
 - When you're struggling with something in life, do you turn to God as your first response?
 - What are some ways that you have seen God bring peace in a storm in your life?
4. Jason shared a story about the difficulty of going to camp knowing that his grandma wasn't doing well. In spite of his desire to shut down, Jason said he opened up and shared his struggle with other fellow believers and found peace through their encouragement. What is a time in your life when sharing your struggles with others led to unexpected peace in your life?
5. At the end of his message, Jason said he knew his Grandma would be ok no matter what happened because she was in God's hands? What does it mean to you to place something in God's hands? Do you trust God with everything in your life, or just the big things? How might your life look different if you were to place more things in God's hands?

Call to Action: Identify a place in your life where peace seems unattainable or out of your control. Spend time each day this week giving this situation to God.