

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What does PEACE mean? How do you define true peace?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. How does someone achieve true peace?
3. When was the last time you felt complete peace?

Read Psalm 63:1

4. How does David describe his desperation for God in this Psalm?
5. What are some things in our lives today that rob us of true peace?
6. How has your busy calendar impacted the peace in your soul?
7. John Ortberg said *"I cannot live in the kingdom of God with a hurried soul."* Have you been trying to live in the kingdom of God with a hurried soul? How so?
8. Walter Adams said *"To walk with Jesus is to walk with a slow, unhurried pace. Hurry is the death of prayer and only impedes and spoils our work. It never advances it."* In this quote, Adams says that *"Hurry is the death of prayer..."* How have you seen that to be true in your own prayer life?

Read John 14:27

9. According to this verse, do you think there are different kinds of peace? How is peace from God different then peace from the world?

Read John 16:33

10. Jesus says that we will have trouble...and in the same breath, he says we will have peace. Is it possible to have peace in the midst of trouble, difficulty or pain?
 - a. Have you ever experienced peace like this? Please share with us.

Read Philippians 4:4-9

11. Have you ever experienced this *“peace which transcends all understanding”*? What is that kind of peace like?
12. The hebrew word for peace is SHALOM. Shalom means completeness or wholeness. Jesus ultimately came, lived a perfect life and died on a cross to bring humanity back to shalom with God. Does that change the meaning of peace for you?
13. In what areas of your life do you need Shalom?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- “I believe the biggest problem with humanity today is trying to fill an internal void with external things.” - Michael Todd
- Only when we FULLY TURN TO JESUS do we fill that VOID and experience TRUE PEACE.
- BUSYNESS IS THE ROBBER OF PEACE... You will NEVER experience TRUE PEACE until you MAKE ROOM FOR IT.
- “To walk with Jesus is to walk with a slow, unhurried pace. Hurry is the death of prayer and only impedes and spoils our work. It never advances it.” - Walter Adams
- Psalm 62:5-6 (NIV) Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. 6 Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
- Psalm 62:7-8 (NIV) 7 My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. 8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.
- Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.