

THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, November 15, 2020
Peace in the Midst of the Storm

Message Summary

This week, Pastor John picks up where he left off last week. He reminds us that it is possible to have peace in the midst of the storm. Jesus warns us that there will be troubles and storms in this life, but we can have a place of peace in His presence. We must learn *how* to be peaceful in the storm. We have to learn how to draw up the peace of God, no matter what is going on around us. Our hearts and minds must be fixed on Jesus to experience peace. If we are made right with God, he not only takes away our sins, he seals us in the Holy Spirit and that seal secures peace permanently within us. Now, when we bring our daily actions into alignment with God's word and his will, we realign our lives with peace. If we can learn how and activate that peace within us, we can be led by God – because we can only hear God clearly when we have peace that is complete (*Shalom*).

Pastor A.R. Bernard to Pastor John Carter: "Peace is not the absence of external conflict, but the presence of a set of internal values that govern how you think, how you act and how you feel."

Key Scriptures

- [John 14:27 NLT] "I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."
- [John 16:33 NLT] "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."
- [Romans 5:1 NLT] "Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."
- [Isaiah 26:3 NLT] "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"

Discussion Questions

1. How do you usually react when you experience trials, troubles or storms in your life?
2. How can we pull up or stir up peace within us?
3. How does peace help you to hear God's voice more clearly in your life?
4. Where do you need to realign your life with the word of God so you can experience peace?
5. What actions do you need to add into your daily routine so you can stay rooted in the peace of God?

Life Application

Study this week's key scriptures and ask the Lord to show you what changes you need to begin to make in your life to choose peace over chaos. That battle begins in your mind. You must renew your mind everyday with the word of God. This week, when you experience a moment to choose either peace or fear, read his word *out loud* and speak his peace over that situation! Don't let the chaos around you get inside of you. There is a better way to respond to what happens around you. Just like Jesus, speak the word of God into the storms of your life, and choose to live in perfect peace.