“The Missing Peace”
Fall Circle Groups | Week 6

OPEN IN PRAYER

MESSAGE SUMMARY

People spend millions to find the answer to live a life of peace. As Christ-followers, one of our daily challenges is how to overcome the stress, pressures, fears, and worries of life and tap into our power. When challenges try to steal our peace, we must be intentional to tap into God's peace, so that we can fulfill our purpose in the Kingdom. This week, let’s identify what is holding us back and find “The Missing Peace” to our puzzle!

Key Scripture:
- John 14:27
- Luke 2:8-10
- Luke 2:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Point #1: Protect your Peace.
- It is good to have dreams, but we should not covet. One comes with hope and the other comes with pain that can steal your peace.
- If we are not on the spiritual path of our purpose, then we will know once we see others being blessed. This could cause us to lash out and become victims.
- If you are experiencing pain not peace, you will not be effective in your calling.
- Scripture: John 14:27; Matt. 11:28-30

Have you been experiencing the pain of unrest? If so, what is trying to steal your peace? What does this verse say about where peace is found?

Point #2: Prioritize Peace.
- Life is a puzzle and figuring out how to put the pieces together can be challenging. During times of uncertainty, peace is a gift and should be prioritized.
- Spending time seeking God’s Voice is vital in finding calmness and hope for the days to come.
- Scripture: Luke 2:8-10; Matthew 5:6-9; Matt. 6:32-35

Tell of a time when you prioritized peace despite a difficult situation. How did God bless your decision to seek Him first?
If you are struggling with finding ways to prioritize peace, what negative habit can you stop that does not foster peace?

Point #3: Rest in God.
- Finding rest in the Lord is vital to a healthy spiritual life. Many confuse going to church with the principle of rest.
- Coming together in a social setting (corporate worship) can cause one to experience temporary happiness, it is no replacement for a personal relationship with Christ.
- When the church becomes a narcotic, making it difficult to implement principles to become better disciples of Christ.
- Scripture: Luke 2:14; Psalm 16:10-11

Reality Check: What are the benefits of resting in God? What does like to you and how can you practice it this week?

Now that we are "back in the building" for worship, how can you ensure that your worship remains authentic and does not substitute your relationship with Christ?  

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

In this season, we must apply what we hear God saying and seek His peace. Without God’s peace in our lives, we will be unfulfilled and ineffective in our purpose. True peace is not conditional or situational, it comes from understanding God’s power and seeking to please Him in each facet of our lives. Instead of chasing things, (change, favor, purpose), we must realize that what we were looking for is found at the feet of our Heavenly father. As we seek first God’s kingdom, the puzzle pieces of our lives begin fitting together and we find the peace our soul desperately craves!

This week’s challenge: Meditate on our scriptures and discover peace in God’s presence. As you read scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- How do I get my peace?
- How do I stay planted in the house of the Lord?
- How do I get in the position to experience change?
- Stop letting the storms speak to you, SPEAK TO THE STORMS
- Seek a double understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit

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