

Sermon: Peace in the Midst of Humanity

Discussion Questions:

- Begin your time with a discussion of what peace really means to you. What do you think of when you think of peace?

- There are many verses in the Bible that refer to peace. Read each of these passages, and summarize what God is saying to us in these verses:

- Luke 2:14
- John 16:33
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- Colossians 3:15
- Isaiah 26:3
- Romans 15:13
- John 14:27
- Psalm 119:165
- Philippians 4:7
- Galatians 5:22
- Matthew 10:34-36
- Proverbs 12:20

- Many of these verses that we just looked at refer to the peace that God can give to us—peace in our hearts. There are many other verses that “turn this peace” outward, and speak about how we are to treat others. Discuss each of these verses with this in mind:

- Matthew 5:9
- Romans 12:18
- Hebrews 12:14
- 1 Peter 3:9-11
- James 3:18
- Psalm 34:14
- Proverbs 16:7
- Romans 14:19
- 2 Corinthians 13:11
- Romans 12:17-21

- God wants each of us to experience peace in our hearts and minds. He wants us to know peace, and have peace. The Lord also wants us to be people of peace...the kind of people who bring peace into our relationships. All of this might seem impossible—and without Christ true and abiding peace is impossible. But with God, all things are possible. We need the Holy Spirit’s help in all of this. We also need to help each other. Conclude your time together by praying for each other. Pray that the “peace of Christ, which surpasses understanding, will guard our hearts and minds.” Pray also that we would be people of peace. That we wouldn’t bring strife and anger into our relationships. That we would have the strength to remain calm, and not be quick to judge or condemn.