

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK 4: FULL OF PEACE

CONNECT

• What is one thing that regularly helps bring you peace (exercise, cup of coffee in the morning, beach, etc.)?

CONSIDER

• What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

Peace With God: Read Romans 5:12-21 as a group.

- Peace with God paves the way to peace with ourselves and equips us to make peace with others. All three are connected, but everything begins with God. What are some reasons people assume they can't find peace with God? Why do you think people carry around these false assumptions?
- Look back over Romans 5:12–21. Does peace with God through Jesus Christ sound too easy? Is it difficult for you to believe that peace with God is possible? Why or why not?
- Before more peace can be produced in our lives, we have to make peace with God. Is there something that currently stands in the way of your peace with God?

Peace Within: Read John 14:25-27 and Philippians 4:6-8 as a group.

- Jesus was very intentional about giving out peace in John 14:25-27. What is He saying about His
 peace, where it comes from, and how is it different from the world's peace?
- Paul gives us some encouraging and challenging advice regarding peace within. Looking back over the passage, what examples does Paul give on how to bring about the peace of God in our lives? With these examples in mind, how have they brought peace into your life?



 Even though circumstances often create a lack of it, having peace isn't built on our circumstances. Why do you think this is? Have you ever experienced the peace of God in the midst of unpeaceful circumstance?

Peace With Others

- Jesus says that those who pursue peace with others will be blessed (Matthew 5:9). Take a moment and read the following verses as a group: Proverbs 16:24, Romans 12:17-21, Galatians 6:1-2, and Colossians 3:13. How do these passages help us understand what pursuing peace with others looks like? Is there someone in your life you need to take steps toward bringing peace into the relationship?
- Where do you need peace the most right now: peace with God, peace within, or peace with others? How can our group pray and support you in your pursuit of peace?

CALLING

- **2% of Peace:** The holiday season is known for creating a lack of peace often due to busyness. Peace comes from presence with God. For the next month, what if you gave God 2% of your day? That works out to about 29 minutes. If you want peace, you have to spend time with the Author of it so that He can produce it in your life.
- **Daily Devotions:** Begin or continue the spiritual habit of daily devotions with God. Subscribe to Northside's daily devotional by texting JOINGOD to 81411. Northside will send you a daily devotional associated with our current series. You can also find the daily devotional using the Study tab in Northside's mobile app.
- Further Study and Reflection: Read Sit, Walk, Stand by Watchman Nee.
- **Memorize**: "Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:7 (NLT)**