

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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Peace- BIBLE PASSAGES -Matthew 22:36-40, Lk. 2:13-14

Matt. 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the Prophets."

Luke 2:13-14 "...suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE among those with whom he is pleased!"

Other Passages: Matthew 22:36-40, Romans 5:1, Matthew 2:1-3, Luke 1:67-79, Lk. 1:28-29, 38, John 16:33; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:17; Philippians 4:6-9; Colossians 1:19-20; 3:15

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Share with the group about a time when you felt the peace of God?
2. Am I at peace with God? If not, what is keeping me from loving Him with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength?
3. What will I do this week to rebuild a broken relationship?
4. Ask a trusted friend to help you sharpen a character quality in need of repair.
5. Joseph is described as a just and righteous man in Matt. 1:19, he had a deep abiding peace in Christ that allowed him to walk in obedience. What is something you can do in your life to cultivate faithful obedience, how can you all help encourage each other in that way?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS