



Let Earth Receive Her King

Christ, The King of Peace

John 14:27

How to Prepare

Begin preparing by reading the full passage a few times. Then answer the questions for yourself. Then think about how your Small Group might answer them. Try re-wording the questions to fit you and your Small Group. Don't feel tied down to the discussion guide, just be sure to discuss the main point of the text in your conversations.

Resources-

<https://www.gotquestions.org/peace-I-leave-with-you.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/peace-the-world-cannot-achieve>

Sermon Outline:

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1. The Source of Peace.
2. The Supplier of Peace.
3. The Sustainer of Peace.

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The Role of the Spirit

27 Peace I leave with you; My peace
I give to you; not as the world
gives do I give to you. Do not let
your heart be troubled, nor let it
be fearful.

Discussion Questions

Ask a volunteer to read John 14:27.

INTRODUCTION

Here is a question or two to help introduce the topic and jump-start discussion.

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "peace"?

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION

These questions should help your Small Group dig deeper into the text and then apply it to your lives today.

I. The Source of Peace.

2. How does this verse imply that true peace belongs to Jesus? How does the birth of Jesus display that peace comes from His presence? (See Luke 2:14)

3. If peace is a gift from Jesus (as implied by Him saying "my peace I give you"), what does that mean about trying to find peace without Him?

4. The world often defines peace as the absence of conflict (like a ceasefire). How does the peace Jesus offers differ from this? Can you have Jesus's peace in the middle of conflict or distress?

II. The Supplier of Peace.

5. What is the gift that Jesus gives to His disciples that brings them peace, and what is the nature of that peace?

6. How do we receive the gift of peace from Jesus? How is the peace we receive through faith in the gospel better than the peace the world tries to achieve?

7. What are some specific fears or troubles in our daily lives that the gospel removes from our hearts and minds when we dwell on it?

III. The Sustainer of Peace.

8. Since Jesus is the source and supplier of peace, what should be the main focus in our lives, and how will that focus practically affect our hearts and lives? (See John 15:4-5) How are certain practices (like prayer, reading the Bible, or worship) helpful for abiding in Christ, even when circumstances change?

9. If the peace of Christ is meant to "rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:15), what does it look like when peace fails to rule? What are some signs that we've allowed worry or fear back into the driver's seat?

10. As the King of Peace, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). How is the peace we receive from Him meant to be shared with others, and how does sharing it actually help sustain it in our own lives?

John 13:1–17:26 The Cleansing and Instruction of the New Messianic Community and Jesus' Final Prayer. In the second major section of John's Gospel, Jesus prepares his new messianic community, represented by the Twelve (minus Judas), for the time subsequent to his exaltation to the Father. The community is first cleansed both literally and symbolically through the footwashing (13:1–17), and then figuratively through the removal of the betrayer (13:18–30). The Farewell Discourse proper extends from 13:31 to 16:33 and contains Jesus' final instructions to his followers before his arrest and crucifixion. The discourse (unique to John's Gospel) concludes with Jesus' final prayer (ch. 17).

John 14:27 The expression peace (Hb. shalom) had a much richer connotation than the English word does since it conveyed not merely the absence of conflict and turmoil but also the notion of positive blessing, especially in terms of a right relationship with God (e.g., Num. 6:24–26; cf. Ps. 29:11; Hag. 2:9, and also, as a result, the idea that "all is well" in one's life). This may be manifested most clearly amid persecution and tribulation; see also John 15:18–19; 16:33.