

PEACE WITH GOD - WEEK 3

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

What makes you happy? Something came to mind, right? Something comes to mind for all of us. We all daydream about a trouble-free life made possible by something: a job, house, car, spouse, child, family, or pile of money. But what if what makes you happy isn't a what at all. What if it's a who?

Key Questions:

- 1. What is something that always destroys your "peace" around the holiday season?
- 2. What comes to mind when you hear the word "sin"? To what extent do you think that word is relevant to your daily life?
- 3. What are some reasons people assume they can't find peace with God? Why do you think people carry around these false assumptions?
- 4. Read Romans 5:12-19. Does peace with God through Jesus Christ sound too easy? Why or why not?
- 5. Read **1 John 4:20**. What does this verse say about how God values you and other people? In what ways does it challenge your assumptions about what it means to have a relationship with God?
- 6. Is it difficult for you to believe that peace with God is possible? Why or why not?
- 7. What is something that stands in the way of your peace with God? What is one thing you can do this week to begin to surrender that area of your life? What can this group do to support you?

Next Steps:

What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?