

Welcome
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BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

1. Call a _____.

'We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.' 2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV

2. Focus your mind on what you know to be _____.

'If God is for us, who can be against us?' Romans 8:24 NIV

'Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.' 1 John 4:4 KJV

'I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.' Philippians 4:13 NCV

'The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.'

Psalm 18:2 NIV

3. Declare your faith in the _____ of God.

'You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting— it will happen!' Habakkuk 2:3 CEV

'Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation. The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He will make me as surefooted as a deer and bring me safely over the mountains.'

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NLT

4. Take _____.

'If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.'

Romans 12:18 NIV

'God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.' 2 Corinthians 5:18 NIV

'Happy are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God.' Matthew 5:9

'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.' Colossians 3:15 NIV

'If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.' 1 John 1:8-10 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how peaceful are you?
2. When anxiety comes your way, what is your go-to coping mechanism?
3. Read Numbers 6:24-26, Isaiah 9:6, John 14:27, Romans 5:1, 2 Thessalonians 3:16. What do you find encouraging about these verses?
4. God's preferred state for the world, for individuals in the world is to have peace rule and reign. International peace, interracial peace, intergenerational peace, interpersonal peace, and personal internal soul level peace. What are some of the reasons we see more conflict than peace in these areas?
5. Discuss the 5 Peace Busters and which one(s) you personally find the most difficult.
6. Read 2 Corinthians 10:5. In this verse Paul uses military language to refer to our thought life. In what practical ways might we do what Paul instructs us to do?
7. Read Romans 8:24, 1 John 4:4, Philippians 4:13, Psalm 18:2. Why does focusing our minds on what we know to be true from scripture about the goodness of God and about His power, help us regain peace?
8. Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. What are some of the ways we live with the tension of peace not coming as quickly as we would like?
9. Read Romans 12:18. Sometimes, to regain peace in our life and relationships we have to take action. How should we do this and what should be our ultimate goal? See Matthew 5:9

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