

EXPECTATIONS

1. BRING YOUR BIBLE
2. RESPOND TO QUESTIONS AHEAD OF TIME
3. CONFIDENTIALITY IS ESSENTIAL
4. MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP A PRIORITY

PEACE=SHALOM

SHALOM-TO MAKE COMPLETE OR WHOLE.

OTHER PASSAGES THAT WERE USED IN THE SERMON

- *1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-MAY GOD HIMSELF, THE GOD OF PEACE, SANCTIFY YOU THROUGH AND THROUGH. MAY YOUR WHOLE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT BLAMELESS AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.*
- *ISAIAH 53:5-BUT HE WAS PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS ON HIM, AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED.*
- *JOHN 1:12-YET TO ALL WHO DID RECIEVE HIM, TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.*

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Community Group Questions

Sunday, January 29

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM-PEACE

Read Matthew 5:9

1. What does peace mean to you? How does the world's definition of peace and God's definition differ? Discuss the beauty of having peace even in the midst of war.

Read the following two verses before answering the question.

- *Matthew 5:9 {NLT} God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.*
 - *Romans 14:19 {NIV} Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and mutual edification.*
2. How do we work for peace? What does it look like to make every effort for the sake of peace?
 3. God wants His peace to be healing every area of our life. Discuss how we miss out when we hold back from giving everything to God. Is there such a thing as partial peace?
 4. Each Beatitude comes with a promise. Gods' promise to his followers in this blessed saying is "*they will be called children of God*".
 - Talk about the blessings and responsibilities of being a child of God.
 - Is it hard for you to accept that you are God's child?
 5. **How is your peace?** Can you honestly say that every part of your life is saturated in God's peace? What areas are you struggling with and need God's peace and direction? (home, work, marriage, faith, finances etc.)

Prayer Time-