

Prince of Peace – Week 5 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

In the fifth message of the series entitled, *Winning Over Worry*, we will discover that we can walk in supernatural peace as we fix our minds on Christ.

Discussion Questions

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Who is Jesus?

Among many other names, Jesus was called the Prince of Peace. In Hebrew, this is the word *Sar Shalom*.

<u>Sar</u> (pronounced 'serr'): the one in charge, <u>lord</u>, chief, general.

<u>Shalom</u>: rest, tranquility, <u>wholeness</u>, completeness.

Jesus is the Sar Shalom, the Prince of Peace. When we are under the Lordship of Christ, He can give us an inward peace that goes beyond human understanding.

Sar Shalom is the Peace:

Who comforts you.

Jesus gives us His peace, not our own peace. In John 14:27, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

In order to encounter the peace of Jesus, 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast all of our cares upon Him. We simply step under the Lordship of Christ and present our requests to Him.

- Why do we try to have our own peace when we have access to God's peace?
- What can we do to encounter God's peace when our hearts are troubled?

Who <u>saves</u> you.

Jesus is the peace who brings salvation. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." We are not justified by our good works or religious efforts, but through faith, we have peace with God.

- Why do you think it is a temptation to earn our way to be right with God?
- What Scripture verses would you use to help someone understand that we are not justified by our good works or religious efforts?

Life Challenge

This week, if you find your heart troubled, present your requests to God. John 16:33 says, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Allow Him to open up your heart, and ask Him to comfort you with His perfect peace that goes beyond human understanding.

Prayer

God, thank You for giving us Your peace. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our Prince of Peace, our Sar Shalom. When trials come our way, help us to only rely on You for our comfort and peace. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.