



## Seeking the God of Peace

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What is the way to peace?

Option 1- **Fight it out!**

What is the way to peace?

Option 2- **Shake hands and make up!**

What is the way to peace?

Option 3- **The hard work of talking, listening, forgiving, and loving!**

**We are called to be peacemakers in a world of turmoil!**

- Not yelling, screaming, and hating each other
- Not ignoring the real issues, brokenness, and challenges
- Walking the long, hard, redemptive pathway of Jesus every day!

**Our journey in the weeks ahead:**

- Seeking the peace of God and the God of Peace
- Learning and taking steps into reconciliation, healing, and restoration

- Being a person of peace every day, in every relationship, in every place

**What we will learn relates to every area we long to experience God's peace flooding in!**

**Why seek the God of Peace?**

John 14:27

*<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

**Why seek the God of Peace?**

- He offers us His peace
- The world's version of peace will never work!
- His peace is free and offered to all people

**What do you see when you encounter the God of Peace?**

James 3:17-18

*<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.*

## What do you **see** when you **encounter** the God of Peace?

- A God pouring down peace
- A God who shows us His path...
- A God who calls us to be His peacemakers

## How do you walk with the God of Peace?

Ephesians 4:1-6

*<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

## How do you **walk with** the God of Peace?

- We recognize that living in peace is not the same as the absence of pain and struggle
- We know it takes great effort to live and walk in peace
- We can focus on what unites us, not what divides us!

John 16:33

*<sup>33</sup>"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*