Lesson 3: Wednesday March 30, 2022

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Fruit of the Spirit- Peace

**Galatians 5:22-23** …the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control;

1. When you think of having peace, what comes to your mind? How has tonight’s lesson encouraged or challenged the way you think about the fruit of peace?
2. Read the definition of Shalom from your handout and discuss the similarities and differences between it and temporal peace.
   1. How does the fruit of the Spirit provide the things listed in the definition of Shalom?
3. What are the benefits of temporal worldly peace and what are the costs? Why is it destined to fail and be short lived?
4. Read Romans 12:18 “If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”
   1. What are the practical implications of this command? How do we live this out and what should it look like?
   2. How does the fruit of the Spirit empower us to live at peace with all?

1. Read Phil 4:6-7 “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
   1. How does thanksgiving affect the fruit of the Spirit? \*hint: what (or who) are we thinking about when we are being thankful?
   2. How does a lack of thankfulness affect our peace?
2. Why is suffering a pre-requisite for experiencing the peace that passes understanding? How does this reality affect the way you think about your suffering?
3. Is there anyone you need to make peace with? What steps will you take towards the call to do so?

\*Pray for one another and give thanks to God for Christ and His church where we are called to live out the peace we’ve been given.