

FOR CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND FAMILY BIBLE STUDY TIMES



HOME – (a family that wants you to grow):

This Sunday, 7 March 2021, Church Services available:

- Paarl South 09:00 (with Kids Church)
- Paarl East 09:00 (with Kids Church)
- Paarl North 08:30 (with Kids Care) – Breakfast optional after service. R60 per person for breakfast and drink.

March Upcoming Events:

- Baptism Sunday – 7 March
- Parent Talk – 7 March – Focus on youth/teenagers
- Parent Talk – 14 March – Focus on younger kids
- Victory Training – 11-13 March

IN HIS WILL – THE PEACE OF GOD



UP – (let's worship God first):

Pray - Open up in a prayer of gratitude. What are you thankful for? (*Thankfulness towards God, cultivates a lifestyle of worship.*)



BACK – (let's reflect on last week):

Testimonies - Any testimonies for what you are thankful for? How did last week's lesson impact your life? Have you applied it in your life or shared it with someone else last week? (*Testimonies builds our faith and accountability cultivates a lifestyle of obedience.*)



IN – (together discover new truths):

Discover – What new truths can we learn from the following verses? (*Word based convictions, cultivates a lifestyle of truth and faith.*)

Sermon topic: Peace of God

Series: "In His Will"

John 20:19-21

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,^[a] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

In this passage Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples at a time when they were very afraid. The Jews and religious leaders have sought them out and want to confront them in a cruel way. However, Jesus gave them peace in their difficult circumstances, and He instructed them to go out and make disciples.

- How would you react if you were in the disciple's shoes before Jesus appeared among them?
- Are there any fears in your life?
- Why do you think Jesus only gave them peace and did not bother the Jews and religious leaders?

John 14:26-27

²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace that Jesus promised us differs from the peace that the world offers us. There are two kinds of peace; one is an 'Objective peace' and the other one is a 'Subjective peace'. Objective peace focuses on the things that give us peace from outside, and 'subjective peace' is peace that is generated from within (heart).

- What type of peace are operating in your life at this moment?
- If you experienced peace in your life, from what source is it from?

Philippians 4:6-7

*⁶ 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.*

- What do we as children of God have to do before we experience God's supernatural peace?
- When you were in a difficult or anxious situation, did you ever considered to pray and be thankful towards God? Or did you let the fears control your decision?

Apostle Paul wrote the following in Romans 8:6: "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace". Let us focus on what the Holy Spirit can give us. Peace is a precious gift from God and we have no other option when life get tuff to let the Holy Spirit guide us. We have to let the PEACE OF GOD control us instead of the fears of difficult circumstances and situations..



OUT – (let's apply what we have just learned):

Application – Reflecting on today's scripture discoveries, what convicts you? What do you feel the Holy Spirit is asking you to do?

Take some time and commit to allow these truths to transform you. End off by praying for lost people.

We can see through these scripture discoveries that serving is part of who we are as followers of Jesus. We want to encourage you to look for opportunities to serve someone else this week. It might just open up a door to share the Gospel with them.