



# Sermon Discussion Questions

*May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!*

**CHECK INS:** Let's check in quick with each other; how are we doing folks...?!?

## 12.14.25 - SERMON RECAP:

In our Advent Series: Our Identity as Disciples of Jesus, we looked this week at how we can experience God's Peace amidst anything that may come in our lives! God's peace flows from both who we are in Christ (no condemnation) and how we live in Christ (walking according to the Spirit and setting our minds on the Spirit). Peace is not merely a feeling but a fruit of Spirit-led orientation and thinking. Let's turn to Romans 8:1-6, as we consider how we can learn and grow in God's Peace together. (As a group, let's take turns reading this scripture together; and then ponder/discuss these questions for our lives.)

## DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Thinking in broad terms about our experience of peace, Peace in Romans 8:1-6 flows from alignment with the Spirit, not the absence of difficulty... How have you experienced God's peace in seasons that were still hard or unresolved? How is peace something that can transcend our fickle circumstances and hardships throughout our lives? What does this teach us about biblical peace versus cultural peace??
2. Reflecting upon Romans 8:1... How does freedom from condemnation create the foundation for experiencing God's peace? What tends to steal that peace in your daily life??
3. Paul distinguishes between living "according to the flesh" and "according to the Spirit" (Rom. 8:4-5)... How would you describe the difference in real-life terms—not theological language? What are some indicators that you are walking by the Spirit rather than the flesh??
4. On Sunday we talked about the "Flesh" being: "All that we are apart from Christ, as we struggle in self-sufficiency, as we are tempted by the law of sin and death." How would you, in your own words describe and define "The Flesh" to a 10 year old??
5. Based on Sunday's sermon, what are some situations in life you tend to draw from the "debit card of the flesh"?? And how could you use the "debit card of the Spirit" more regularly??
6. Paul teaches us that to live according to the Spirit, we must Set our Minds on the things of the Spirit... How can you and I live with this mindset? What practical steps might we take for this to become our lifestyle??
7. What inputs (media, conversations, habits, environments) most affect your peace? What might need to change to create greater spiritual attentiveness?
8. The promise of this passage is life and peace. Why do you think these two characteristics of a believer go hand-in-hand??

## How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

