

## Grace Group Questions

### 01-27-2019 – John 14:27 – Divine Blessings Pt. 5.

**REMINDER:** The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

**1. Sermon Passage:** Read John 14:25-31

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
- Can you outline the sermon?

**2. Observation – What did you hear?**

- Compare and contrast the world's definition of peace and God's definition of peace? How are they similar? How are they different?
- A simple definition of shalom is a soul at rest. Think back to Sunday's sermon. Can you identify at least 5 ways God applies this concept of shalom in the believer's life?
- How are prayer and peace intertwined in the life of the believer?

**3. Interpretation – What does it mean?**

- Scott said, "In the OT peace is a characteristic of the coming Kingdom." How do these passages of Scripture help you understand the Biblical idea of peace? (Num. 6:26; Ps. 29:11; Is. 9:6-7, 52:7, 54:13, 57:19; Ez. 37:26).
- Look up Heb. 12:14; Mark 9:50; Rom. 14:19; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:3; 1 Thess. 5:13. What do all these passages teach about peace? What do they not teach?

**4. Application – How does this apply?**

- How would you respond to a non-believing family member that claims to be at peace with God? What passages of Scripture would you show them to demonstrate that they must be born again in order to experience this peace?
- Why is one's understanding of the gospel so foundational for a proper understanding of peace?
- How have you experienced the peace of Christ personally? Describe how God's gracious gift of peace has changed specific areas of your life where you previously lacked peace.
- Are you at peace with other people? If not, what effect might this conflict have on the reputation of Christ? What is your plan of action to pursue peace with the individual that you might not have peace with currently?

5. Prayer ...