



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Discussion Guide: Un-Human
February 4, 2018

Opening Questions:

- Have you ever been in a situation where an umpire, referee, arbitrator or some other third party would have been helpful in making a call? Explain why that would have been beneficial.
- Have you ever been in a situation where you were the third party? What did that feel like? How did you navigate making a call?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Colossians 3:15-17...** Paul uses the word “rule” to indicate the place peace should have in our hearts and lives; the idea is that peace is our umpire. What does that look like in your current relationships? What does it look like in some of the decisions you’re facing?
- The implication of what Paul’s saying is that peace makes the call in our lives, not us. Does that bother you? How do we let go of our desire for control in such a way that allows peace to govern our lives?
- Are we really expected to always be thankful? How does peace connect to gratitude? Can you have one without the other? Explain.
- You are a representative of the Lord Jesus...how are you doing with that? According to this passage, what is that supposed to look like?
- Read **Philippians 4:7...** Paul mentions our hearts and minds; do you see those as one in the same or different? Is being governed by peace and being guarded by it the same? Why or why not?

Application Questions:

- This week’s bottom line was **CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE BETTER AT BEING HUMAN.** Do you agree with that idea? How was Jesus better at being human than us (besides being God)? Given this passage from Colossians, what was true about Jesus, and should be true about us, that would make us better at being human?
- What things in your relationships and/or life might need to be added for you to be able to live in peace? What might need to be subtracted? What specific, practical steps do you sense God calling you to that would allow peace to make the call and reign in your life?

This week, pray specifically for each individual in the group. Take time to share what areas are lacking peace in their lives and ask God to help them identify what he’s calling them to do to change things. Pray that peace would rule in their hearts and relationships.