

**Unshakable**  
**“Unexpected Peace”**  
**John 16:7-15**

Unshakable peace often comes in an **unexpected** way.

When you go through **hard** times, Jesus calls you to:

1. **Remember** the promise of His Spirit

He **convicts** the world

Before we can experience God’s peace, He must deal with our **sin**.

Before there can be peace, there first must be **grace**.

He guides us into **truth**

The truth about **God**

The truth about **us**

He **gives** us peace

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of **Peace**.

2. **Receive** the gift of His peace

Not absence of problems, but **in spite** of our problems.

Peace is God’s presence **overruling** your problems.

Not based on the **situation**, but based on the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit **breathes** God’s peace.

Not once and for all, but **moment** by moment.

We **receive** God’s peace as we breathe in God’s Spirit.

**LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Lives**

1. Tell your group of a time when something that first looked like a bad thing actually turned out to be a good thing.
2. Which comes first: the truth about God or the truth about us? Why?
3. Read Romans 8:5-8. Discuss what Paul means by “the mind governed by the flesh” and “the mind governed by the Spirit.” If anyone has The Message Bible, reading it might help. (You can get it by going to BibleGateway.com.)
4. How do you live that out practically in your day to day life?
5. Is there any area of your life where you are currently not feeling peace?
6. Close your group by praying for each other, asking God by His Spirit to fill one another with His peace.

**Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Connected to God through the Word and Prayer/Loving God**