



# Peace

## For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

### Check-in

#### LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

#### OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD – What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE – State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

### Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 2:8-10. Christmas is the story of the good news that everyone can have peace with God. In the space below, list some of the people in your life who need to have peace with God.

Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Coworker \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_ Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Bill Hybels wrote, "You have never looked eyes with another human being who isn't valuable to God." Read John 3:16-17, 2 Peter 3:1-9, & 1 Timothy 2:1-6. How do these passages illustrate and explain the value God places on every single person?

2. God has one primary plan for sharing His message of peace with others. Read John 20:19-21 & Acts 1:8. Put yourself in the disciple's place – what kinds of questions would have been going through your head as Jesus shared His plan for sharing the good news of peace with the world?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. Paul says that all who believe in Jesus are, "Christ's ambassadors." How would you explain the role of an ambassador? Many Christ followers believe this kind of work belongs to the paid staff of the church. Why are we so quick to think this is someone else's job?

3. Charles Spurgeon said, "Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter." Read the excerpt from Spurgeon's "A Sermon and a Reminiscence" below.

*"If Jesus is precious to you, you will not be able to keep your good news to yourself. You will be whispering it into your child's ear. You will be telling it to your husband. You will be earnestly imparting it to your friend. Without the charms of eloquence you will be more than eloquent: your heart will speak, and your eyes will flash as you talk of His sweet love.*



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## Small Group Questions Continued

*Every Christian here is either a missionary or an impostor. Recollect that. You either try to spread abroad the kingdom of Christ, or else you do not love Him at all. It cannot be that there is a high appreciation of Jesus and a totally silent tongue about Him... that man who says, 'I believe in Jesus,' but does not think enough of Jesus ever to tell another about Him...is an impostor."*

Why do you think so many Christ followers struggle to embrace the role of missionary or ambassador?

Read John 4:1-30 & 39-42. This is the story of one woman who believed that God could work through her, therefore she embraced His call in a personal way. What would happen if every Christ follower believed God could work through them and embraced His call in a personal way? Is there anything keeping you from embracing God's call in a personal way? If so, what is it?

1. John Maxwell says, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Embracing the role of ambassador does not mean that we start preaching at people – it means we begin investing in the lives of others. Why is it so important to invest in people's lives?

How does investing in others open the door to inviting them to "come and see?"

What are some specific ways you can invest in the lives of those around you who need peace with God?

### Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm accountable for \_\_\_\_\_, and their action steps are \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I'm praying for:

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