

SERMON SERIES: THE DIFFERENCE HE MAKES

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“The Difference He Makes: PEACE”

Introduction

Last week we continued our series called The Difference He Makes, and we spent time talking about the joy that comes from a relationship with Christ. This week we celebrate Mother’s Day, and rather than a traditional sermon on Sunday we have the opportunity to hear a conversation between Scott Beckenhauer and Kim Chipman. Kim is a member of the Calvary family and has a heart for small groups, and this week she wants to help us focus on how life can look different when we have peace from Christ.

- What is your happy place? Tell us about a physical location that brings you peace when you are there.

Seek the Word

Read Philippians 4:6-9.

- How does this passage instruct us to act when facing anxiety or trouble?
- What might this passage mean when it says that “His peace will guard your hearts and minds”?

Read Romans 8:5-6.

- What does this passage tell us about the people around us?
- Does this passage tell us anything about the role of the Holy Spirit?

Go Deeper

Since we are looking at the fruit of peace in Scripture this week, take some time to look through your Bible for different biblical figures who displayed the fruit of peace. Be sure to include both Old and New Testament people, making note of where their stories are found in Scripture and what the Bible says about their character.

Talk About It

- In what situations do you find yourself struggling to have peace? Do you know why that might be?
- When you are not feeling at peace with something, what steps do you take to change that and / or how are they working out?
- How might your life look different if you lived with the peace of Christ in times of anxiety or trouble?
- God’s peace should guide our decision-making. Is this something you have practiced in your own life? How so?

Wrap Up

Reminder: The promise is a fruitful life (a life that bears the fruit of the Spirit), including peace, happens when we remain in Christ.

Challenge: Start a new devotional Bible study this week on a Bible book of your choice. This study can be as short, long, and in-depth as you want it to be. The most important part of this challenge is to be consistent in God's word because that is one way that we can learn to bear the fruit of peace.