**Peace (8/18/24)**

**Discussion Questions**

**Summary:** How can we experience peace in a turbulent world? Jesus prepared his followers to face severe persecution with specific instructions that would give them peace. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you” (John 14:27). Peace comes from knowing and *doing* the will of God, especially when it is difficult. Come be encouraged to take *your* next step of faith!

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.” John 14:1

**How to experience resilient peace:**

1. Study God’s **Word** to know God’s **Will** (v. 24-25; Rom. 12:2)
2. Listen to God’s **Spirit** to keep in **Step** with God’s will (v. 26-27)
   * Be **Filled** with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)
   * **Walk** with the Spirit (Gal. 5:16,25)
   * Grow in the **Fruit** of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
3. Trust in God’s **Promises** to endure **Opposition** to God’s will (v. 28-31)

**“**I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

**Get Started:**

1. How has your summer been? Share a high and a low.
2. What was your most stressful moment this summer? What was your most peaceful time?

**Dig In:** Read John 14:24-31

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. How does this section naturally follow from verses 15 and 23?
3. How much of our lack of peace do you think comes from a lack of obedience to the commands of Jesus?
4. How does the Holy Spirit give us peace (v. 26-27)?
5. How has God shown you His will recently through His Word?
6. What has helped you recently to “be filled with the Spirit” and to walk more closely with the Spirit?
7. How do the promises in vv. 29-31 encourage you today?

**Move Forward:**

* Discuss the Spiritual Life Worksheet. What do you like about it? What questions do you have about it? (By all means, pass them back to Pastor Darin and the elders!)
* How will you use the SL Worksheet this week?
* With whom could you meet to encourage them to use the worksheet?
* Pray for each other to hear and follow the Spirit’s leading this week!