



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 20th March 2022

THEME: THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS – BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD

PASSAGE: Matthew 5 vs 9 & John 14

LAUNCH

How would you define internal peace?

Would you say you had it right now? Why or why not?

What factors promote peace in your heart & what factors undermine it?

DISCOVERY

Read John 14 as a whole (it's not too long)

Get someone in the group to briefly summarise the situation that Jesus & his disciples find themselves in.

In verse 1, Jesus instructs his disciples to 'not let their hearts be troubled'. How does the information in the subsequent couple of verses help this process? Does it help you? Why or why not?

'My father's house has many rooms'. What is meant by this phrase (feel free to use your imaginations)? How does this knowledge promote peace in our hearts?

Jesus is preparing a place for his disciples & us. Just under 2000 years and counting. What sort of preparations might he be making?

In verse 5 Thomas mystified by all this spiritual language (Thomas is a reality man), asks Jesus for a clear destination & a road map. If Thomas was asking you this question, how would you answer it?

Jesus's answer (verse 6) is of course legendary. In what key ways is he 'the way, the truth & the life'?

Philip is next up to ask a question (show us the father vs 8). What is good & what is bad about this question?

Jesus points to his deity in verse 9 by saying 'if you have seen me, you have seen the father'. Why do people find Jesus's deity so hard to accept?

Verse 10 contains the fascinating phrase 'the father is in me doing his work'. Is the same true for us? What facilitates & what impedes the Father doing his work through us?

Look at verse 15. Why do we usually not associate love with obedience? What is the link & why does Jesus point to it?

Verse 15 onwards is the promise of the Holy Spirit. Who is he? Why does he not leave us as orphans? Why does Jesus need to speak about him at this time?

Verse 27. There is a peace offered by the world and a peace offered by Jesus? What is the difference? How might someone in Kyiv have far greater peace than someone in Shepperton?

APPLICATION

Pray for one another that Christ's peace would abound.

Pray that we would increasingly permit the Fathers will to be worked out through us rather than just doing our own thing. That we would know the difference between Kairos time (living, holy and appointed time) as opposed to Chronos (boring, repetitive unfruitful time).

Pray that we would know the powerful indwelling of the Spirit more & more.

