

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

This study guide is intended for the life application of the Sunday Sermon James 1:22-25 tells us to put into action what we are discovering in God's word.

REVIEW

- Did you identify some cracks this week that require restoration to your soul?
- Who is the expert that you will turn to for Hope?

LESSONS TO EXPLORE

- 1. Jesus the Restorer
- 2. A Familiar Command
- 3. A Different Kind of Peace
- 4. A Different Kind of Living In Relationship

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1.	We can see evidence all around us that people have been robbed of HOPE, PEACE, LOVE and JOY. LIFE
	has been lost and it needs to be put back. And while most people agree that RESTORATION needs to
	occur, the problem is that we can't agree on where to find the restoration we need.

a.	Why do we look to so many sources for restoration when there is ONE source who can guaran	tee
	that life will be restored?	

b. Why do we tend to run to Jesus as an afterthought?

c. Why have some of us given up on restoration completely, like Pastor Brian and his broken grill?

۷.	in verse 27 we see Jesus reiterating his command in John 14.1.	
	a. Why does He repeat this command later in the chapter? What does this repetition indicate?	
	b. "Let not your heart be troubled": Jesus returned to the theme recorded in the first verse of J Where have you seen evidence in your life that by receiving His Spirit and His peace, you can an untroubled heart even in troubling circumstances?	
3.	Pastor Brian tells us that Jesus is offering the gift of peace, but Jesus defines peace differently.	
	a. We often believe that peace can only happen if something or someone is removed from ou circumstances. How did the Jewish people believe peace would be accomplished? What were they expecting Jesus to do?	ır
	b. How do you define peace in your life? We each may have a unique perspective on what per and where to find it. Where or how have you sought peace in your circumstances?	ace is
	c. In the book <u>Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin</u> , author Cornelius Planting a de the Old Testament concept of shalom: The webbing together of God, humans, and all creat justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom. We call it peace, but means far more than mere peace of mind or a cease - fire between enemies. In the Bible, so means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight - a rich state of affairs in which natural are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder. Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. Shalom,	ion in ut it shalom I needs er as its

	d.	As you read the quote above, do the descriptive words offer you a different perspective of peace (shalom)?
1.		sus is inviting us into something more, His invitation to His disciples is the same gift to us. Why do we read this passage but overlook the invitation? Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7
	b.	How can we find comfort in the passage below? What is the power represented in these verses and why does it matter? <i>Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world?</i> 1 John 4:4
	C.	What have you tried to fix through your own strength? What is keeping you from allowing the Holy Spirit and His power to transform you and your circumstances?
	d.	As we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate birth and new life and yet the <i>Prince of Peace</i> died on a cross (and was resurrected) to make lasting peace possible. How will your life reflect His gift of hope, peace, love and joy to the world?

Making it Real

- In what parts of your life do you need to experience **shalom**?
- In Isaiah 9:6 the Baby in the manger is called The Prince of Peace.
 Will you allow Him to carry out that role in your life?

