



Life Group Work Sheet

Isaiah 42:1-9
December 1, 2013

Getting to Know Each Other

1. What comes to mind when you think about peace?
2. In the Bible, peace refers to harmony of life (restored relationships, no more hurting, joblessness, crime, etc.). Share with one another some thoughts on what this would look like in your context.

Into the Bible

Read Leviticus 3:1-5.

3. Before the coming of Jesus, peace offerings were made to create peace in the relationship between God and man. What does this practice tell us about the enmity between God and man?

Read Romans 5:1-11.

4. While considering the context of Lev. 3, discuss the following questions about reconciliation between God and man through the person of Jesus:
 - a. How does the work of Christ create peace between you and God?
 - b. Who is the one who instigated the process of reconciliation? Us or God? What does this tell us about the nature of God?

5. The work of Christ on the cross not only allows for vertical peace (between us and God), but also horizontal peace (between one another). On a scale of 1-10, where would you rate Faith Church's horizontal peace? Your Life Group? Your family? What are some reasons for your rating?

Read Rom. 14:18; Eph. 4:3; Heb. 12:14.

6. These texts emphasize the importance of peace in the midst of Christian community. What are some ways that you can cultivate peace in your relationships with others?
7. Consider the following situations. How would you respond in each situation to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?"
 - a. An estranged family member comes to your Christmas gathering, but instantly begins stirring up animosity in your family. Tensions are high and many of your family members are on the verge of leaving before the meal is even served.
 - b. A divorced couple come to you asking for advice on how they can best interact with one another for the sake of their children.
 - c. Some family friends of yours leave the church over one or two 'perceived' offenses. They are now attending another church in the community. How do you interact with them in a peaceable, God-glorifying way?