

The Relational Disciple



Live at Peace With One Another

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: We are to live at peace with one another.

Read: The bible teaches us to "live in peace with one another".

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 *But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

The context around this is having peace with those who have a charge over you. Those who are placed in leadership over you to teach you and help you come into life in Christ. So often this is where division, offence and wilful disobedience occurs, because we don't like others having leadership over us and instructing us in ways that we may not be in or think aren't right, because we think we are right. Hence Paul talks about being at peace with one another and thinking the best of one another.

We can only be at peace with one another, when we are truly at peace with Christ and coming into more and more of this peace. God's peace enables and empowers us to "BE" at peace and in peace. A lack of peace causes unrest and a sense of anxiousness and worry to percolate within us. This leads to a loss of focus on Christ and a focus on ones own life, which ultimately leads to death.

Living in peace is to live in Christ. Christ is our peace, just like He is our joy and rest. So often we separate peace, joy and rest from God, because we see these things as separate to Christ. Jesus said to His disciples that He gave them His peace and that His peace is to be with us.

John 20:21 *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."*

Romans 15:13 *says "now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Fill us with all joy and peace."*

What is this reality? How does this reality realised and known change us? What does it do to us? How does it now enable us to live?

Questions:

1. Describe in your own words what God's peace operating in you is?
2. Why is it essential we know and live from His peace?
3. Why is peace essential when it comes to coming under leadership and taking on board what they are asking you to do?
4. What is the difference between God's peace and a counterfeit version of it?
5. What does God's peace enable us to be and live like?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.