

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 04

THE FRUIT OF PEACE

PEACE

- Peace is holistic
 - *Shalom* in Hebrew culture refers to a condition of wholeness & wellbeing.
 - It includes both a right relationship with God & loving harmony with others
- MAKE peace
 - *"Blessed are the peacemakers."*
 - Matthew 5:19
- Contentment, Hope, & Peace
 - *"Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."*
 - Philippians 4:5-7
- Christ made peace between us & God
 - *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ dies for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God."*
 - Romans 5:8-9
 - There is no peace apart from faith in Jesus
- Peace is a quality, virtue, a response
 - It does not mean that everything in life will be smooth sailing & easy & no one will oppose you

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what areas of your life do you lack peace?
2. Why do you lack peace? Is it a lack of contentment, a lack of hope, a lack of trust in God?

3. What can you do to choose to respond in peace each day in your life?
4. How can you “make peace” in your life?
5. What are some concrete things you can do to choose more peace in your life?