



PETER

THE DISCIPLE MAKER

Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week Five

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins

- 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV)

Week Five, Day Five

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:10-14

Devotional Reading

Peter closes his letter with these words, "Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen."

To have peace in the midst of suffering, to have peace in the midst of blessing for that matter, can often feel like an elusive idea. We live in an era where anxiety and stress are household words. For many of us, we experience peace only a few moments a day, a week or a year.

Merriam-Webster defines peace as, "harmony in personal relations," "freedom from oppressive thoughts or emotions," and "in a state of tranquility."

Peter references God's grace, "in which you stand," just a few verses before. In order for us to experience true peace in Christ, we must be rooted and grounded in God's beautiful grace. It's his grace that removes the angst and allows us to experience harmony with others and calm despite the turmoil around us.

As we head into this final week of study, may we seek God's authentic peace; that peace that surpasses all understanding in the midst of everything.

Our jobs. Our relationships. Our homes. Our minds. Our suffering.

We who claim Jesus as Lord have access to God's divine peace - harmony, stillness and tranquility. Let us pray for greater peace for ourselves and one another.

Faith In Action

Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God." Take a few moments, and be still with the Lord. Ponder this verse and what it means to be still and know that God is God. Do nothing else but enjoy the stillness of being in his presence.

Today's Prayer

God, thank you for teaching me through your Word. Thank you for Peter's ministry both in his lifetime and today. Help me not only to receive what you are revealing to me through your Holy Spirit, but also to share it with others. I want to live a life that honors you. Take my striving and worry, and replace it with your radical peace.