

PLENTY TOO MUCH LIFE GROUP APPLICATION WEEK 7

Memory Verse:

“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 NIV)

Goal/Focus

Our purpose is to learn about how-to walk-in *peace* and victorious *faith* in times of fear and danger. We also want to help each one work through what it means to walk safely during this time. My prayer is that all will walk in greater faith, discerning how God wants to move us safely to his goals and destinations, and that he will give us growth in making wise decisions in the face of danger. I also am praying that God will break strongholds of anxiety and fear and flood each one with peace.

Icebreaker:

1. Do you have a testimony of how God has protected or delivered you through a very difficult or dangerous situation in your life?
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2. What stands out the most to you about the kind of peace Jesus had and exhibited in his life that we can also walk in? (Matthew 8:23-26)
 - a. That he was able to sleep
 - b. That he rebuked his disciples for their lack of faith
 - c. That he didn't let the crisis control and take over his agenda
 - d. That he took a stand against the enemy and was a greater threat to the storm than the storm was to him
 - e. That this was an opportunity for God to get glory and his disciples to go to school to learn how to have peace in times of crisis
3. Each and every one of us have had to come to terms with what it means to be cautious about the safety of our families. We always hear “safety first.” What are some ways we are called to think of safety differently than a worldly point of view? What does it look like for you to discern God's will about a decision where possible danger could be involved?
4. In I Peter 5:6-10 we learn about 5 key ways to diffuse fear and walk in peace. What has special application to what you're going through today?
 - a. Humble yourself, learn what it means to take responsibility but not try to be in control.
 - b. Cast all your cares and worries on Jesus, realizing how much he cares for you.
 - c. Go on the offensive and take a stand against Satan when he roars “fear”.
 - d. Stand stronger with others in Christ as you face fears together.
 - e. Find security in your relationship with God and the future through God's grace.