

Colossians 3:12-17

1. Decide in advance how to love one another.

John 13:34-35

2. Respond in the moment to walk in love.

Colossians 3:18-21; Mark 6:1-6

3. Repeat and experience peace.

Isaiah 26:3

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Big Idea:

Every follower of Jesus can experience peace by deciding in advance how to love one another, responding in the moment with that love, and repeating when needed in the future.

Open Up:

Have you ever forgotten to put on something essential and then not noticed till you got somewhere?

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ What is your spiritual routine to prepare for your day?
- ▶ Why is spiritually preparing for your day so valuable?
- ▶ Pastor Matt said, “It’s easy to go through life and let our peace be determined by our position, or by our present situation, or by the pressures of life.” Which of these three is the most likely to steal your focus and your peace?
- ▶ What is one characteristic of Jesus’s love that inspires you?
- ▶ How do you feel when you read Paul’s words in Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” Overwhelmed, obligated, or opportunity knocking?
- ▶ What is a habit you once did not have, but now has become common practice?

Engage:

Spend 1–2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Ask God how you represent him well?

Where do you need to let God’s love and peace rule in your heart or life? If so, what is one step you could take to move toward experiencing peace and living in love this week?

Close together in prayer.

Ask God to help you prepare well for each day and to respond as a representative of his love.