

Sermon Discussion

20 December 2020

Read Matthew 10:26-39 together.

Dig Deeper

1. In vv. 26-31, Jesus first explains the opposite of peace as fear and anxiety. How has either of these feelings affected the peace you seek in life? What does Jesus say to us about fear that may help us experience more peace?
2. The sermon talked about the Old Testament word “**shalom**” as meaning wholeness, harmony, and fulfillment. How does this definition expand the way you think about peace as not just being an absence of conflict? What goals should we set for experiencing peace?
3. Isaiah calls the Messiah our Prince of Peace. How does Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection bring peace to our lives? What role does Jesus play in our ability to attain peace either here on earth or with Him in eternity?
4. Which of the four titles for Jesus found in Isaiah 9:6 do you most identify with...Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, or Prince of Peace? Why is this so?

Application & Prayer

- Has this sermon pointed any area in your life that you need God to transform? Ask someone to pray with you about it.
- What is one thing God seems to be asking you to do in response to this passage? Who can you tell about this “I will” statement in the next 48 hours?