

December 1 & 2, 2018

## Good News for when I'm Anxious: Peace

### I. Announcements & Prayer

- 1) **Simply for Women** - December 10, 6 - 8 pm
- 2) **Deeper Life** - Sundays at 5 pm
- 3) **Christmas Service Schedule:**

<b>Saturday, Dec. 22</b>	<b>No services</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 23</b>	<b>4:00 pm &amp; 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec 24</b>	<b>4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, &amp; 7:00 pm</b>
- 3) **Next Steps Class** - None scheduled at this time.
- 4) **Baptism** - Non Scheduled at this time.

### II. Ice Breaker Questions

- 1) Share a story of when you were lost. Examples: Lost in the woods, traveling on the road, walking in a neighborhood, etc.
- 2) Who is your number one go to person when you are upset? Why do you call them?

### III. Discussion Questions

#### 1) **Read Galatians 4:4-7 (GNT - Good News Translation)**

4 But **when the right time finally came**, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, 5 to redeem those who were under the Law, **so that we might become God's children**. 6 To show that you are his children, **God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts**, the Spirit who cries out, "Father, my Father." 7 So then, you are no longer a slave but a child. And since you are his child, **God will give you all that he has for his children**.

How does knowing that God sent his own Son into our world help you to know that you are His child and He is your Father according to these verses?

As a child of God, what do we receive?

- 2) Share a time when you called out to your Heavenly Father. What did he do for you?

#### 3) **Read John 17:20-22 (NIV)**

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 **that all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.

Pick one of these questions to ask:

Who is the focus of Jesus' prayer in these verses?

Describe the kind of unity between the Father and the Son.

How does knowing that Jesus prayed this prayer for you make you feel?

#### 4) **Read Isaiah 41:10 (TLB)**

10 **Fear not, for I am with you.** Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

How does knowing that God is with you and wants you to be calm help calm a person's fears?

Share a time in your life when God gave you strength and help. How did he uphold you in His victorious right hand?

5) Pastor Doyle shared with us three of God's promises:

**God wants us to have each other.**

**God wants us to be free of fear.**

**Loneliness and fear have to go because of Christ.**

Of these three promises, which ones have you already applied to your life? Which ones do you need to work on? How will you do that?

#### 6) **Read John 14:16-17a (NIV)**

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth.

What do we learn about the advocate/helper (the Holy Spirit) in these verses?

How does it bring peace into your life knowing that the advocate (the Holy Spirit) will be with you forever?

7) Pastor Doyle shared five things that welcoming the Holy Spirit into your life will bring:

**Fellowship**

**Strength**

**Truth**

**Comfort**

**Hope**

Share how you have welcomed the Holy Spirit into your life. What was the outcome?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for the Holy Spirit. Thank you for helping me to see that I need more of You in my life. I welcome You to bring more life and peace into my heart. I need Your Holy Spirit and I welcome Him into my life today. In Jesus' name, Amen.