

GOD IS.

A SERIES ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD

Ice Breaker: What's your favorite place to get away?

Read: John 14:27, John 20: 19,21,26, Colossians 1:19-20, Judges 6:1-24, Romans 12:1

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - What's the difference between silence and peace?
 - "Shalom": wholeness – wholeness, completeness, well-being, health, rest. Nothing is broken, nothing is missing; the active presence of harmony, justice and flourishing.
 - Which aspect of biblical shalom stands out most to you: wholeness, completeness, well-being, health, rest, harmony, justice, or flourishing? Why?
- Peace begins with God's Presence (Colossians 1:19-20)
 - According to this passage, how did God reconcile everything to Himself?
 - What does reconciliation have to do with peace?
 - What keeps people from experiencing God's peace?
 - On a scale of 1-10 (1 being the worst, 10 being the best), how aware of God's presence are you throughout the day?
 - Why is peace with God more important than peaceful circumstances?
- Peace Meets Us in the Middle of our Mess (Judges 6:1-24)
 - What is happening with the Israelites and Gideon in this passage?
 - What did Gideon ask in v.13? Have you ever asked a similar question in your life? How does God respond?
 - Like Gideon, have you ever felt unqualified or inadequate for what God was calling you to do?
 - How does God meet them in the middle of this mess? Why is it significant that God revealed Himself as Jehovah Shalom in the middle of a crisis?
- Peace Prepares Us for Tomorrow (Romans 12:1)
 - What does it mean to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God"?
 - How does surrendering ourselves to God lead to peace?
 - Why is God's mercy the motivation for our surrender?
- Closing Thoughts
 - What's one worry, fear, or burden you need to surrender to God today?

Close in prayer requests + prayer.

