**December 23, 2018 Sermon and Community Group Notes**

**1) Peace from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: Judges 6:24; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Isaiah 48:22; Romans 8:7; 5:1
* What is the Hebrew word for “peace” and what does it mean? How is it broader than our modern notion of peace?
* Where does peace come from according to both the Old and New Testaments?
* What is the relationship between God’s covenant and His peace? How can we have peace with God today?

**Application Questions:**

* Do you have peace with God?

God’s peace to you today is available through His covenant in Jesus Christ. Have you placed your trust in Jesus Christ to have peace with God? Why/why not?

* Where do you seek peace?

Do you seek wholeness, well-being, fulfillment from this world, or from God? Is God the source of your peace? Why/why not?

**2) Peace from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: John 12:31–32; Colossians 2:13–15; Ephesians 2:14–17
* Where did Jesus’ victory over this world and over Satan take place according to John 12:31–32?
* How did Jesus achieve victory on the cross according to Colossians 2:13–15? How do we have victory over sin and demonic powers through His death?
* What is the result of Jesus’ victory on the cross according to Ephesians 2:14–17? How does Jesus’ victory on the cross give us peace?

**Application Questions:**

* Do you know the victory of the cross?

Are you experiencing the victory over the world, Satan, sin and the flesh through Jesus Christ? Why/why not?

* Do you know the peace that comes through the victory of the cross?

Are you experiencing the peace over your past, future and present through Jesus’ victory on the cross? Why/why not?

**3) Peace from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:26–27)**

* Supporting Scriptures Used: John 14:26–27; 16:13; Philippians 4:6–7
* What title does Jesus give to the Holy Spirit in John 14:26? What does this mean?
* What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit according to John 14:26? How does this apply to our lives today?
* What does Philippians 4:6–7 have to do with experiencing the peace of the Holy Spirit? What does Paul instruct us to do here in order to experience God’s peace in our daily lives?

**Application Questions:**

* Do you know the peace of the Holy Spirit?

Are you experiencing the indwelling Holy Spirit as your helper, comforter, advocate? Why/why not?

* Do you practice Philippians 4:6-7?

Are you regularly experiencing the peace of God wash over your fear and anxiety through prayer? Why/why not?