

Peace Isaiah 43:1-7

Purpose: To get to know God as a peacemaker and learn how we can experience His peace.

Group Discussion: We are living in a time of personal stress and injustice, not to mention wars between nations, power struggles, inflation and high tariffs. How do we feel the peace of God when the world is in so much chaos?

Group Assistance: We all have a deep fear of something. If I share my deepest fear, would YOU assist me by praying that God will touch, remove, deliver and replace that fear with everlasting peace? Who wants to go first?

1. We find in this lesson that God had a special relationship with Israel. What words/actions confirms this?
2. (Verses 1, 2, and 5) The people (and us) are asked to not be afraid (verse 1). In verse 2, we find what they might be afraid of. In your own words, explain verse 2.
3. How do you manage and control the fears that you face?
4. (Verse 2) This verse does not illustrate a time of joy and happiness. How can we find peace when facing similar circumstances?
5. (Verses 3-4) How do these verses provide an indication of what God has done and will do for us? Does this help you with the challenges we are facing as American citizens?
6. (Verses 5-7) What is your understanding of these verses?
7. If the very first time you picked up your bible and read this chapter, what would you say God is like?
8. Think of a person (non-relative or spouse) who you have grown to know intimately.
(a) How did you get to know this person in such a way? (b) Are these similar ways we can get to know God?
9. Do you see the relation between knowing who God is and the peace He gives? How can we achieve this knowledge?
10. Think of two (2) things which you find troubling in today's society. How can knowing God bring you peace over these things?

What to Pray For: When you feel that the enemy is winning, pray that God will give you peace.