



## **I COMMUNITY** (15 min.) Introduce yourselves

**HOPE!** How has the Lord Jesus strengthened your hope in HIM this past week?

**PEACE!** What causes you to lack peace most often? Why?

## **II DISCIPLESHIP**

**Big Idea:** In the midst of a chaotic and troubled world, we can experience the peace of God because we have peace with God. He makes all the difference in the world (Luke 1:37). **Key Passage:** Luke 1:26-38

As you listened to the message, what thought did our Father impress upon you as to how to apply this message to your life? Why?

### **A. Message Discussion** (50 min.) *Use bulletin message notes as you do this!*

#### **I. Our world will never offer us peace**

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” **John 16:33**

**\*What does the world say is the way to experience peace in a person’s life?**

**\*What is Jesus’ point in John 16:33?**

#### **II. Peace on earth begins by making peace in heaven**

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Romans 5:1**

**\*Why is there a lack of peace between people? Between people and God?**

**\*What has Jesus done (& doing) to make peace available and possible on earth?**

**\*To personally be at peace with God, what must a person do?**

#### **III. We experience the peace of God by trusting His character**

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” **Isaiah 26:3**

**\*What does Isaiah 26:3 say about how we can experience God’s peace?**

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.” **John 14:27**

**\*What does John 14:27 say about the peace that Jesus offers to us?**

**Discuss how these verses encourage Jesus followers to experience God’s peace in their daily lives.**

“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.” **Rom. 8:6**

“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.” **1 Cor. 14:33**

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”  
**1 Peter 5:6 – 7**

**Share one thing that is causing a lack of peace in your life. Read these verses to help you isolate what that is. Surrender it to God in prayer.**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
**Phil. 4:6, 7**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **Gal. 5:22, 23**

“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.” **2 Thess. 3:16**

## **B. Discipleship Principles** (10 min.)

**PEACE!** Learning to discern the Father’s leading for your life through what the Bible says AND the witness of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, is essential to follow Jesus. Share with one another how you are growing in this spiritual skill of living in His peace.

## **C. Accountability & Prayer** (30 min.) Pray for each other

Break into two smaller groups (men & women)

Share how you are doing with your responsibilities (personally, home, work).

Share one thing you would like the group to pray for you this week.

## **III MISSIONAL LIVING** (15 min.)

**Rockpoint Reaching:** Serving inside and outside of Rockpoint. Choose 1 this week

How can you serve together as a Life Group within the walls of Rockpoint?

How can you serve together as a Life Group outside the walls of Rockpoint?

**Rockpoint Missionary:** Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.