

LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Based on the message of Sunday, November 24th, 2024

Title: Peace That Makes No Sense

Point 1: Peace Comes from Trusting God

Key Verse: Romans 8:28 (NKJV): "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Reflection: While God is in charge, not everything that happens is His will. The existence of evil is a result of free will, which allows for choices that lead to sin and brokenness. Yet, God's sovereignty means He can work through even the worst circumstances to bring about good for those who trust Him.

Question: What's the difference between being in charge and in control?

Point 2: Peace is a Choice

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV): "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."

Reflection: Free will is a gift from God, but it also allows for the possibility of evil. Evil is the product of choices that reject God's ways, as seen in the fall of Lucifer and humanity. The tree in Eden symbolized this choice—free will manifest in a physical form. Peace comes from knowing that while evil exists, God remains sovereign and offers redemption through His Son.

Question: How can we maintain our peace even when facing evil circumstances?

Point 3: Peace is Found On the Cross

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:22 (NKJV): "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

Reflection: God's sovereignty includes a redemptive plan from the beginning. The first Adam's choice brought sin and death through the tree in Eden. The second Adam, Jesus, chose to bring life through the tree of the cross. From Jesus' sacrifice flows eternal life for all who believe. This divine plan shows that even when we make poor choices, God is still in charge, working all things for His glory and for our good.

Question: Can you sleep on the boat in the middle of a storm or are you finding yourself worrying about tomorrow? What can we do to move from a place of fear and worry to a place of rest and peace that makes no sense?