MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week, our Women's Pastor Deidre Franklin, continued our sermon series, *Fearless*, teaching that peace can come in the midst of chaos and confusion, and can replace worry.

The word "peace" (Hebrew: Shalom) as used throughout the bible is defined as wholeness, completeness, well-being. This kind of peace comes directly from God, through Jesus, with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Peace is more than absence of war or conflict, it is Jesus being triumphant over the worries of the world.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

- ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

JOHN 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out from Deidre's message?
- 2. Read Philippians 4:4-6,8. What are the instructions the Apostle Paul gives in these verses?
- 3. Read Philippians 4:7 and 4:9. What is the results of this kind of living?
- 4. How have you thought of peace in the past? Has it changed? How so?
- 5. Read John 16:33. What are the promises in this verse? How does this give you peace?
- 6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for the peace he gives that makes our heart and mind whole. Ask him to bring to mind "Shalom", or peace in all circumstances this week, and for the Spirit to prompt you to prayer in place of worry or anxiousness.

