

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Joshua 8:31 & Job 5:24. How do these examples point toward “peace being wholeness or completeness?”
2. Read Read 1 Sam.17. What was David asked to go to his brothers and enquire about? What “was the state of his brothers minds?”
3. Read Proverbs 16:7. What does this verse say about the experience of peace?
4. Read Luke 8:40ff. How do Jairus and the woman in this story experience peace? What happens to them and who is the source of this peace?
5. Read Ephes 2:14-15 & 4:3 Romans 12:18. According to Pauls’ teaching here, what is the gospel and the message of peace with God through Christ lead to among Christians? What does Paul say the gospel should do in a community?

B. Meditation & application

6. According to Isaiah 23:3-4, Philippians 4:6-7 & 1 Peter 5:7-9; what can we do to ensure that we experience the peace of God in our lives?
7. Read the following: Matt 5:9, Romans 12:18, Romans 14:19, Colossians 3:15 Hebrews 12:14. It is clear that we are called of God to be peace makers. How could you be and become a person of peace in your relationships at home, at work, at church and with your friends?
8. Think of a difficult relationship in your life. It could be in your home, with a neighbor, a work colleague or a boss- apply Romans 12:17-21 to that situation? Start by praying for that person to be blessed and then actively seek to live the peace of the gospel into that setting. Look for the good in them encourage them etc.

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we recognize you are all loving and all powerful. We pray that through faith in Christ, we would know real peace and freedom from fear. Help us to enact that peace through active trust in God, through faithful petition and through enacting peace in all our relationships. In Jesus Name- Amen.