

Sermon Discussion Guide - Anchors of Faith, Peace

Isaiah 26:3

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When you hear the word *peace*, what comes to mind? How is biblical peace different from simply having a calm or problem-free life?

"Peace is not found when life finally settles down. Peace is found when we discover that God is trustworthy even when life does not settle down."

- Why do we often assume peace will come when our circumstances improve?
- What challenges in your life currently make peace difficult?

What would change if you viewed God's presence as more certain than the outcome you are worried about?

"Peace grows when we stop believing that everything depends on us and begin trusting the God who is already at work."

- Why is it difficult to admit that some things are beyond our control?
- How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen present trust?

Where are you carrying responsibility that belongs to God rather than to you?

"There are limits to what we can accomplish on our own."

Isaiah 26:18-19

- Have you ever poured enormous effort into something and felt as though you "gave birth to wind"?
- How does the promise of resurrection change the way we face disappointment and failure?

"Biblical faith is not denying reality; it is facing reality while trusting God."

- What is the difference between acknowledging trouble and allowing trouble to define you?

"Peace begins when we start refusing to let trouble occupy the throne that belongs to God alone."

- What do you think about most when your mind has nowhere else to go?
- How can we practically redirect our thoughts toward God?

"Peace is not found by staring at our problems—it is found by fixing our eyes on God until His faithfulness becomes greater in our minds than the troubles we face."

- Why does serving others often help restore perspective?
- Where have you recently seen evidence of God's activity in your life or in someone else's life?
- What has occupied my thoughts more than God recently?

- Where do I see evidence of God's activity in my life and in the lives of others that can strengthen my trust in Him?