

STUDY GUIDE

Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23; Philippians 4:4-7

“Living by the Spirit: The Fruit of Peace”

- 1) Share fears and phobias you have experienced and discuss how you have dealt with them.
- 2) How is the Hebrew word *shalom* different than how we commonly understand peace?
- 3) The peace that Jesus offers us is not of *absence* but of *presence*. What difference does that make?
- 4) How does the presence of the risen Jesus powerfully bring peace into our *past, present, and future*?
- 5) In what ways does our pleasure in the risen Christ bear the spiritual fruit of peace?
- 6) We are saved in order to be sent. What keeps us from living out God’s purpose for our lives? Share and discuss ways in which we (personally) and the church (corporately) can do so.
- 7) How does power of pardon bear the spiritual fruit of peace in our lives, in others, and in the church?
- 8) **FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:** Discuss the implications (personally and for the church) of . . .

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 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. Philippians 4:4-7