

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 3/3/2024

For you as the Teacher/Host

Begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

Opener Question or Activity: Who was someone who provided the most security and peace in your life when you were young? Today?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Romans 4-5:1-11

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to NOT ask every question.)*

1. Pastor Al spoke of us having peace with God through faith. How often do you find yourself needing the "peace of God" and during what situations?
Read Colossians 1:15-23
2. What words(vs. 15-20) describe "The Son" as well as what He has done?
3. Is there one aspect that stands out most for you to apply? How is it possible for you to apply any of these aspects to your life in a real and tangible way?
4. Vs. 19-20 speaks of reconciling...by making peace on the cross. What would you say it means to "reconcile to Himself all things" and how does it make you feel that the blood of Jesus actually accomplished this? What do you think makes the blood so important?
5. Vrs. 21-23 continues with the theme of reconciliation. What was Christ's responsibility then and what is the believers responsibility now?
6. What type of comfort and peace can you receive by understanding who Jesus is(vs. 15-18) connected with all He has done to provide for you through His physical death?
7. How does Him making us holy(vs. 22) impact how you will live out your faith daily?

Apply it today: What was most important for you to remember today and why?