

Study Guide

Sunday May 17, 2020

“Living in Harmony”

1. Ephesians 2:13-18

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

2. Points to Remember

- A. We will never understand another person's heart if we do not listen.
- B. For any relationship to work there must be grace and forgiveness.
- C. We cannot live in harmony if we have to be right all the time.
- D. One of lives greatest challenges is loving people we disagree with.
- E. We cannot always please everybody with our life choices.
- F. But as long as Jesus is the Lord there can be peace.

3. Bible Verses

James 1:19-20	Quick to listen, slow to speak
Colossians 3:13-14	Bear with each other and forgive one another
Romans 12:16	Live in harmony with one another
1 Peter 3:15-16	But do this with gentleness and respect
Romans 12:17-18	As far as it depends on you, live at peace
Colossians 3:15	Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts

4. Discussion Questions

- A. What effect has the Covid-19 shutdown had on your mental health?
- B. What difference has it made on your family dynamics?
- C. Do you feel the state is opening up too slowly or too quickly?
- D. What are you most looking forward to when it is over?