

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR *Coming Home, Part 6: Peace and All*

Introduction

Think of a time when you were challenged to invest yourself in a group goal which was beyond your personal abilities. Share with the group about the need to take a risk and join yourself to the group. How did it turn out?

John 14:27

1. List false promises made to you in marketing campaigns, politics, ideology, or religion. Did you attempt to gain peace and meaning in life through any of them? How did it turn out?
2. What is the difference between peace as a feeling and as an objective reality? How do you know the difference in your life? Examples?
3. Read Romans 8:6-8. Remember back to when you were not yet a believer. Were you aware that sin made you hostile toward God? What are evidences of that hostility? Are they completely absent from the believer? Why or why not?
4. Read Philippians 4:7. How does the objective peace Christ gives us become our personal experience? What should we do if it seems to flee away?

John 14:28

1. Why should the disciples have rejoiced at Christ's departure? Why was it good for him? For them?
2. In what way was the Father greater than Christ? In what way not?
3. Read Hebrews 1:2-3. What are the implications of Christ's return to heaven for him?
4. What does it mean to rejoice in Christ and his glory? How should that affect our daily joy in a ruined world?

John 14:29

1. Have you met people who have given up on life? Have you met those who are still invigorated even well into their senior years? What do you think caused the two conditions?
2. Read Acts 1:9-11. How should our knowledge of Christ's first resurrection affect our belief in him and his return?
3. What does it mean to live in the hope of Christ's return?

John 14:30

1. What purchase does the Devil have on Christ? What purchase does the Devil have on the believer who is in Christ? How should this affect the way we live?
2. Read Ephesians 4:27. List ways we give the Devil an opportunity. How should we correct it when we have done so?
3. Describe some false views you have heard of spiritual warfare and why you think they are false.
4. Describe some true views of spiritual warfare that Christians seem to forget.

John 14:31 – Witness the great doctrine of the subordination of the Son to the Father in the triune Godhead. What does it mean? What does it not mean? [Good luck with this one!]