

Friday

Read Deuteronomy 4:9 & 6:4-9. What is the purpose of educating the next generation? How does education contribute to peace? How can you apply these verses to your life?

Thank God today for those who have been a part of your education – both past and present. Pray for the people in your life who you have a role in educating. Pray that God will give you wisdom, the right words and the time to be part of educating the next generation.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you may have missed and be sure that you know this week's Bible verse. Pray that you will be an agent of God's peace each day. Ask God to keep the things you've studied this week at the front of your mind. Pray that you will continue to grow in God's peace.

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Alicia Keen – knee surgery
Ann Marie Jones – recovering from Caesarean section
Buck Harris – shortness of breath
Dan Cope – liver surgery (colon cancer) pre-op UCSF 1/11
Gerry Cutshaw – eye surgery for glaucoma at UCSF
Irvin Smith – Stanford, recovering from extensive injuries requiring numerous surgeries (he was hit by a car)
Jay Fred – UCSF, complications from gall bladder surgery
Julia Fong – surgery
Larry Sampson – painful leakage of spinal cord fluid in neck
Mark Butler – stints to open two blocked arteries
Nelda Barton – surgery 1/16
Rita Benbow – ruptured Achilles tendon
Shirley Ellis – asthma

Recent hospitalizations /surgeries: Carolyn Rinkert, Regina Anyang

Hospice care: Dorothy Thrash

HOME WITH THE LORD

Love and prayer are extended to the family of Jill Arthur in the loss of her dear mother, Harriette Edsberg, who passed away peacefully January 9, 2007. Harriette was more than a mother to Jill – she was an encouraging best friend. The memorial service will be at Twin Lakes church, Tuesday, January 16 at 1pm.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups – call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

PEACE



Part 2: “Being Part of God’s Peace Plan”

Message by René Schlaepfer
January 13 & 14, 2007

Five global giants that rob the world of peace:

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

How does God want me to help fight the five global giants?

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Jesus: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:19

“...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” Matthew 16:18

Healthy churches consist of believers transformed by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who in turn carry God’s peace plan to others!

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Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” Mark 10:42-43 (See 1 Peter 5:1-3)

A

Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor... to release the oppressed...” Luke 2:18

_____ times the Bible tells us to assist the poor

“Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy.” Ezekiel 16:49

“The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.” Proverbs 29:7

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?” 1 John 3:17

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“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.” Matthew 4:23

Jesus: “As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ Heal the sick...” Matthew 10:7

“Jesus sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.” Luke 9:2

“Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God is near you.’” Luke 10:9

“...I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord... When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me.’” Matthew 25:35-40

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“Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” Deuteronomy 4:9

See Mark 10:13-16; Mark 9:37

From the very first, this was the Christian definition of what we do; of how we as Christians fight for peace.

Three levels of PEACE:

- _____ **Peace**
- _____ **Peace**
- _____ **Peace**

Complete global peace will not arrive until Jesus returns and sets the earth right; but he commands us to do what we can to bring peace to the world in the meantime.

Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

Monday

Read Matthew 16:16-18 & 28:18-19. This weekend we talked about the fact that healthy churches are ones that have believers transformed by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, who in turn carry God's peace plan to others. How do these verses confirm that statement?

How have you seen the power of a healthy church? In what way do you see God using you to contribute to TLC's overall health?

As you spend time in prayer today ask God to show you how you can grow in spiritual health and be an encouragement to the church. Ask God to grow you and give you a vision of your place in the church. Thank God for the ministry of TLC. Pray that God will continue to use TLC to reach our community and the world!

Tuesday

Read Mark 10:42-45. A servant/leader is such a counter-cultural idea! In what area of your life has God placed you in a position of leadership? What stands out to you in these verses?

How does your leadership line up with this passage? In what way could you demonstrate servant/leadership today?

Thank God today for the example of servant leadership that we have in Jesus. Talk to Him about the ways you struggle with being a servant leader. Ask God to soften your heart and give you the opportunities to live out a servant leadership today.

Wednesday

Read Proverbs 29:7, Ezekiel 16:49 & 1 John 3:16-20. In general, what is your attitude towards the poor? How does this impact your actions?

What do these verses tell you about the importance God places on caring for the poor?

Think of three things you can do in the next week to assist the poor.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Thank God today for the many things He has given you. Talk to Him about your attitude towards the poor. Ask God to give you His heart and eyes to reach out and assist the poor this week.

Thursday

Read Matthew 10:7, 25:35-40; Luke 9:2, 10:8-9. It can be easy to focus on only spiritual health or only physical health. How do these verses demonstrate God's concern for physical and spiritual health?

Who in your life is in need of spiritual health? Who is in need of physical health?

How can you reach out to them in the next week?

Thank God today for the physical health you enjoy. Thank Him for His ongoing work in your spiritual life. Pray for those you know who are sick (if you need help check out the TLC prayer list available at the information desk). Pray that God will use you to minister to the sick in your life.



Memory Verse

“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.” Deuteronomy 6:5-8

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