

1) Why do you think peace is a kingdom goal?

2) Can there be peace in the world without having peace in our homes? Can there be peace in our homes if there is not peace in our hearts? Where does true peace come from?

3) Share in your OIKOS community what you see going on in the world around you. Where might practicing peace be most helpful (in the world, in your home, and in your heart)? Record your thoughts here.

Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 14:19-22

Jeremiah 32:36-44

Matthew 5:1-12

Luke 10:1-12

Philippians 4:1-9

- 4) Based on the readings for the week:
- a) Jeremiah 14 and 32 reflect the prophet's words about the exile, one of the reality of violence God's people experienced, and the promise of restoration. How does his words reflect a practice of peace and anticipation of peace promised?
 - b) In the beatitudes (Matthew 5), Jesus says blessed are the peacemakers. Who are peacemakers (past and present)?
 - c) In Luke, Jesus instructs his disciples to say peace be upon this house as they are sent out. Why was this important for their practicing peace?
 - d) According to Paul (Philippians), how do we get to experience God's peace (hint; 2 ways, verses 6 and 9)? What is the benefit of God's peace (What will it do for you)?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice 2 aspects of practicing peace this week. How did you offer peace or experience peace this week?