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Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

John 20:19 *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

Titus 1:4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith:
Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Growth Group Homework – May 7, 2017

The Rules Of Peace

As authentic Christians, we have to choose to rely on the power of Christ in our lives. One of the ways we do this is to allow his peace to rule in our hearts. Christ's vast power does us no good if we won't **let** his power free reign in our lives. His peace is there but if we don't let it rule it won't help us.

Warm-Up

1. When you play a game for the first time, do you usually read all the rules first or make some up as you go?

2. Have you ever had to be the judge or referee of something? Was it hard to keep the rules?

Talk it Over

3. What part of the message stood out to you and why?

4. American culture says peace is found when a person has enough resources, or is successful, or is liked by others. Christ says peace occurs when we attach our lives to the one who owns everything, we do our part, and love others. What are the challenges of living according to the American culture list?

- What are the challenges of living according to Christ's list?

5. A primary activity of our mind is to create scenarios that might happen. These scenarios can often rob us of peace. Read Acts 9:10-14. What do you think were some of the scenarios going through Ananias' mind?

- What are some scenarios that have robbed you of peace?

- How do you think the following verses should shape the scenarios we come up with?

Romans 8:28-29

1 Corinthians 1:9

1 Peter 5:7

6. Read Romans 5:1-5. In what ways have you seen or experienced God's grace creating beauty and joy during a difficult situation?

Take it Home

7. Identify a current area of worry in your life. What is a truth from the Bible you could memorize to help you replace that scenario?