

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERIES: GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today's text:

**Date: 6/5/2022 – The God of Peace (Romans 12:18; 14:19; 15:33; 16:20)**

1. In Romans chapter 16, we see that Paul refers to God as “the God of peace” (16:20). What will the God of peace do that is not so peaceful in the end? What ancient prophecy all the way back in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:15), is Paul alluding to?

2. How does the fulfillment of this promise give us comfort and encouragement in our peace-less age?

3. Often we think of peace in a subjective sense (looking for a feeling, etc.). In the midst of troubles and trials, the difficulties of Body life, or life in a fallen world, how does Romans 15:33 help us as we struggle for peace?

4. Paul's prayer that *the God of peace* be with the Roman Christians (15:33) parallels similar requests in many of his other letters (2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Thess. 3:16). Take a look at these other passages, and what other elements does Paul include connected to the attribute of God's peace, and the experience of peace in our own lives?

5. Romans 12:17-21 Gives us principles for pursuing peace in our church and our relationships. What are the other principles of pursuing peace in our relationships, as opposed to assuming peace is something that will passively place? See Romans 14:19 as well