

12-11-22 Facilitator – The Fruit of Humility: Peace, Isaiah 11:1-11, Tim Rice

1. **Launchers: When did you last experience antagonism (to contend against)?**

- How well did you love that person or group?
- How does the peace of God change your response to your antagonist?

2. **Worship God for the Peace that He gives to His Children.**

Read the following passages and worship God for His peace He gives us.

- Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:10-14, Romans 5:1, Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:27, Numbers 6:24

3. **Sermon Reflection: The Fruit of Humility: Peace, Isaiah 11:1-11**

THE PROBLEM OF ANTAGONISM - Why is the work of the Messiah so radical?

- Why is antagonism the starting point for every person?
- How cynical are you about this promise of hope?

THE GRACE OF THE KING

- How does Jesus combine unlikely elements in His kingdom? Answer: *He displays what we expect (in power and victory) with what we'd never expect (resurrection)*
- The fruit of Jesus' work in His Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension
 - Justification: *Christianity is not religion for the strong; it is relationship between the weak and a Strong Savior. As a resurrected Savior, Jesus has lived both*
 - Sanctification: The Spirit on Jesus is the same Spirit believers receive in rebirth. *The anchor of our sanctification is we are being renewed in His image*

MESSIAH'S PEACE

- How does the reign of Jesus' Grace break the spell of all death and antagonism?
- How do we work this out in our church community and our city/county?
 - *Church Community: Together as His Body we work this out in community. In relationships based on the Gospel we can get beneath the surface and see His peace grow where it matters*
 - *City/County: As salt & light: We love, and love, and love some more when others fight, bicker, and are full of envy.*

4. **Kingdom Centered Prayer: You Can Pray with Us....**

1. Worship the LORD for His wisdom to save us through Christ's own weakness and death. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for His miraculous love that would motivate Him to undergo that for us.
2. *How do you live as if Christianity is a religion for the strong?* Confess your arrogance to Jesus for thinking you know better than Him, asking Him to forgive you and heal you from your pride.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His power to bring life even out of death. Thank Him for dying to comfort to break the power of selfishness and suffering *death and condemnation* to atone for all our sins!
4. Who do you know that claims to trust Jesus yet is profoundly different from you and your values? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help you both pursue Jesus even more and therefore grow closer to them as well.
5. *Ask the Holy Spirit to mature you and grow you in the influence you exert as Jesus' representative in our city.* Ask Him to use you to heal antagonism, to bring comfort to those who suffer, and be fruitful as you display Jesus.

5. **Mission: Loving the antagonists God has blessed us to befriend.**

#5 in the pray with us is packed full of Christian Mission for the City and County.

- How do you influence our city as Jesus' representatives?
- Who are the antagonists God has given you to befriend?
- What can you do out of love for them this Holiday season?
- How can you pray for them this Holiday season?