

BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

PRAYER

"God, I thank you for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. I pray that anything that may be blocking me from your presence be removed. My desire is to be undistracted before you. Thank you God for teaching me daily what it looks like to follow after you and I thank you for your peace. Amen."

MESSAGE THEME

APPREHEND YOUR PEACE

KEY TRUTHS

We just can't wait for peace to happen in our life or show up by accident. We have to go out and get it, making the decision to follow peace until we find it. We have to set aside the things that are robbing us of peace, and not waste energy on conflict.

It can be really easy to take on a judgemental attitude when it comes to other people but we have to be careful. When we forgive others, it's a decision we make in our heart regardless of how the other person may act or respond. Having a judgemental attitude can hinder us from finding peace with others.

'Holy' in Greek is hagios. This describes something that is different. In Hebrews 12:14 we are told to follow after all men and be holy (or different). If we have unforgiveness in our hearts it can lead to us being blocked from experiencing the presence of the Lord.

In James we are told that where there is strife “..there is confusion and every evil work.” It's hard not to let strife get in the way of enjoying the presence of God. We all have the right over our own hearts to forgive and set aside what we might be holding against others for the sake of having clarity and more whole heartedly pursuing God.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- We are the bishop of our own hearts, meaning that we are responsible for it. When we feel confusion or strife entering, we have work to do.
- Forgiveness can open the door to the presence of God and allow us to come before the Father with no distraction.
- We don't find peace by accident, we have to follow after it. “Holy Spirit, show me how to find peace in this situation.”

REFERENCE VERSES

- Hebrews 12:14
- James 3:16-17

DECLARATIONS

“I have a responsibility over my heart and I get to chase down peace. I know that forgiveness is the first step to freedom and I am responsible for forgiving those I have strife with. I desire to be in the presence of God wholeheartedly and with no distractions.”

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



If hearing God or anything mentioned in this study is new to you then we invite you to take the Next Step.

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