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Mastermind: Soul Peace (Romans 12:14-21)

Warmup: When you picture "peace," what image comes to mind?

- What is my unique way of living in harmony with my family? How do I live in harmony with my co-workers?

READ Romans 12:14-21

- Read Romans 12:18 again. Does this verse seem like a suggestion or a specific command?
 - Romans 12:18 – the Greek lexicon explains that “if” is sometimes used with a command and “possible” is translated from “dunatos,” strong, mighty, and powerful.
 - How does the translation of the word “possible” influence me to live in harmony? Or does it?

Get Real (form a group of 3 to answer the next 3 questions)

- How long does it take me to realize that peace has vanished?
 - A. My peace ebbs away as I anticipate a stressful day
 - B. I realize peace has vanished at the end of a hectic work week
 - C. After I’ve snapped at my spouse, or family member, then I realize that peace has become elusive
 - D. I’m happy as a clam and good natured, I always have peace
 - E. I realize my peace has vanished when _____

OF THE WORLD: Our Culture

- Make a list of the ways culture coaches me to find peace.

- How do these cultural “peace” strategies help me live in harmony with others?

Come together in the large group and compare answers.

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16, John 14:27

- What is the origin of peace?

- According to the Word, Himself, who is the Giver of peace?

- Is it possible to have lasting peace with others without having peace with God? Why or why not?

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A piece of discernment or a peace that discerns: Which one do you typically operate from day to day?

- Read Colossians 3:15

- The Greek word for rule is brabeuetō: to decide as an umpire, making the call between contending forces.
 - Our heart is the center of conflict because there our feelings and desires clash – our fears and hopes, distrust and trust, jealousy and love. Paul explains that we must decide between conflicting elements by using the rule of peace.

 - Scripture tells us to allow Christ’s peace to be the umpire or referee in our heart. Share pertinent examples of how Christ is the umpire of one’s heart.

- In what area is the Holy Spirit prompting me to let Christ start calling the shots as the umpire?

- By allowing Christ to be the referee of my heart, what will I gain? How will I know it’s real?

“The fruit of righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.” Isaiah 32:17-18

- What is the fruit of right living with God and others?

- Describe the lasting benefit of right living as explained in the Isaiah passage.

My Response

Jesus offers me His peace – He offers it freely.

Based on what I’ve read in Scripture and discussed with my Life Group, God’s Spirit is prompting me to accept more of His peace by _____

Action step I:

When I notice that I’m giving away my peace or letting it slip away I will _____
 _____.

Who is my accountability partner this week?

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