

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Text: Ecclesiastes 8

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This week, we were asked the question, “Do we trust God?”. Phil encouraged us to ask this question in 3 areas: do we trust God’s leaders, do we trust God’s timing, and do we trust God’s peace?

1. Scripture commands us to submit to the authorities God has put in place (Reference Romans 13:1-7, 1 Peter 2:13-17, and Colossians 3:22-25). These commands were written in the context of mostly monarchical societies, but we live in a democratic society. Does the context of democracy change the application of these verses and how we submit to authorities? How can we continue to trust God and submit to authority when we disagree with actions taken or policies made?
2. In life, we often fail to see God’s hand at work in real time. Share a time where God’s plan was not obvious to you until the situation had passed. We know that God is working things for our good and his glory, but that can be easy to forget or believe when things do not appear to be going our way. What are some verses you turn to that help you trust God’s timing?
3. God gives us a greater peace and contentment than anything this world has to offer. However, as humans, we often fail to live fully in that contentment. Phil discussed how that peace can come to fruition in us. When we fix our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), the Holy Spirit then teaches us and works on our hearts (John 14:26) through the word of God (Psalm 119:105). The result of this work is an outpouring of love, compassion, and peace (Colossians 3:22-24). Where in this chain do you struggle the most? When you find yourself struggling to live in or accept God’s peace, what actions do you take to help return to his embrace?