



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 2: *With Others & Self*

**Icebreaker:** Ok so which is it? Which of the images below brings you the most sense of peace and why?

1) The foundation for the last message was centered in the truth that *shalom* flows from all of one’s relationships being made right – with God, with others, with(in) oneself. Discuss. Where in your own life do you see this dynamic at work?

2) Spend some more time on the concept by reading aloud and discussing the respective passages below:

Shalom flows from all of one’s relationships being put right – with God:

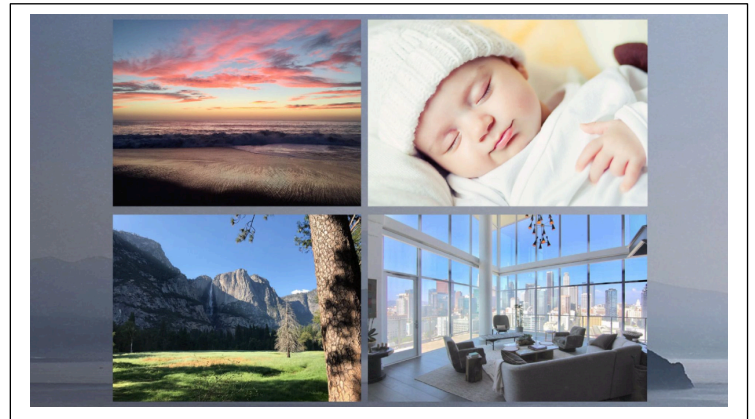
*Isaiah 26:3; Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:20; Ephesians 2:14; Philippians 4:7*

Shalom flows from all of one’s relationships being put right – with others:

*Matthew 5:9,23-24; Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 3:11; James 3:18*

Shalom flows from all of one’s relationships being put right – with self:

*Psalms 34:14; Proverbs 14:30; Isaiah 32:17; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 4:6-7*



3) Why is seeking *shalom* with those closest to us sometimes the most difficult?

4) “The Greatest Commandment” as identified by Jesus in the New Testament, can be found in Matthew 24:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:25-28. Meanwhile, the passage for the Shema (“The Great Declaration/ Prayer” for God’s people of the Old Testament) is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Compare these two teachings and discuss the overlap and where you see *shalom*. What could the significance of all this be?

5) Pastor Tom mentioned we should live FROM God’s blessings, not FOR them. What does this mean to you and how might it lead to a life filled with more *shalom*?

6) Who must you seek/pursue peace with today?

7) How are you mistakenly living FOR God’s blessings (rather than FROM)?