Series: Family Sunday stand alone sermon Sermon: "I am leaving you a gift..." – Jesus Primary Text: John 14:27 NLT

## **Discussion guide:**

- What are you worried about?
- Studies have shown that adolescents and children are developing anxiety issues at younger and younger ages, why do you think this is?
- Read John 14:27 NLT, "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."
- What is the significance of this peace being for the mind and heart?
- Why can't the world give this sort of peace?
- If Jesus has left us this gift, why do we still deal with it as Christians?
- Read 1 John 5:3.
  - How does obeying Jesus bring peace of mind and heart?
  - How are His commandments not burdensome?
- Read Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7.
  - How does one cast their cares or worries on God?
    - Why does this give us peace that surpasses understanding?
  - How does thanking God for things give us such peace?
- Read John 13:34.
  - How does being selfless help us find peace?
- Read Matthew 8:23-27.
  - What does this tell you about fear and worry?