

# SUNDAY MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE



**Message Title:** Peace Of God - Pastor Noah LaRoe

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## Big Idea:

We all have good days and bad days, days when we are living as our best selves and days when we wish no one could see us. On those bad days, it's easy to believe that God is disappointed in us. But God is peace, and that peace comes from His unwavering delight in us, despite any of our shortcomings. God wants to bless us, He is longing to draw closer to us, and is always ready to forgive our failures and bring us close to Him. The knowledge of His constant love and forgiveness means that we don't need to work harder to earn His love. Instead, we can simply live our lives, content in the knowledge that He always loves us.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up;  
my eyes are not raised too high;  
I do not occupy myself with things  
too great and too marvelous for me.  
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother;  
like a weaned child is my soul within me.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
(Psalm 131 ESV)

## Question 1:

Why is it so hard to believe that God is for us?

## Question 2:

In his message, Pastor Noah gave the example of a woman whose trust in God's peace allowed her to serve others at a phenomenal level. What sort of anxieties do you need to give up to God to allow yourself to better serve others?

## Question 3:

How can we show others that God is delighted in them, despite their shortcomings and failures?

## Prayer Focus:

We praise God as sovereign, always in control of the universe. We give thanks that the all-powerful God loves us and wants the best for us, and ask that He forgive us for refusing His peace. Finally, we ask that He show us where we need to give up our need to control so that we can enjoy the peace that passes all understanding.

## Next Steps:

It's easy to intellectually accept that God is in control, but it is hard to take real and practical steps to live in that understanding. But as Pastor Noah taught us, more faith in God's peace allows us to be closer to Him, thus increasing our knowledge of His goodness. This week, then, find one specific area in your life where you will commit to stop worrying about it and use that time to pray and read your Bible, growing closer to Him.