

he will be called

part 4: prince of peace  
Matthew 11:28-30

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6***

**Before you begin:**

Share about the best vacation you've ever been on.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. **Read Matthew 11:27**
2. How would you describe your normal state? Peaceful? Hectic? Explain why.
3. When you hear Jesus call us to himself. Nothing else. Does that sound peaceful? Why?
4. In what ways are you weary? Burdened? Share with the group. How has your time with Jesus brought peace in the midst of the chaos? How has it not?
5. What is the most difficult part of pausing at the feet of Jesus? Or just stopping in general?
6. Why do you think we like to whittle down our relationship with God to lists and formulaic expressions?
7. Jesus promises rest? Since he cannot change your schedule, what does he mean?
8. In what ways has your spiritual life been a struggle? How does Jesus change that?
9. Read Philippians 4:6-7. Describe a time when Jesus gave you unexplainable peace.
10. Can you think of a time when Jesus has removed peace to get your attention? What is he trying to say to you now?
11. Read Isaiah 53:5. How has Jesus' death brought us peace?

**Action Steps:**

1. Sunday we took the Lord's Supper. It's a highly ritualistic and formulaic ceremony. In what ways can we recognize that it isn't about the formula, but about coming to Christ and remembering that he died to give us peace?
2. Take some time to stop and be still in God's presence. Release your anxieties about reading plans and formulaic prayers. Just sit in his presence. Ask him for his peace.
3. What circumstances are you battling now that are stealing your peace? Is God trying to get your attention, or are you bearing a yoke that isn't yours to bear? Share that with the group.