

Redeemer Men's Gathering

Apr 21-22, 2020

This is a time to connect and pray with other men under the Word.

It is a place to know other men, be known, and practice the Christian life together.

This Month's Aspect of Christ's Character: Peace

As we walk along the path of the Christian life together,

we desire to be conformed more and more to the image of Christ.

Today's Scriptures: *Gospel Imperative*

¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

(Heb 12:14 ESV)

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Rom 12:16-19 ESV)

Questions for Reflection

1. What is the Spirit saying to your heart through this Scripture?
2. As you read this Scripture, what do you want? What do you fear?
3. Where do you see struggles and victories in your life around this Scripture?
4. How does this Scripture shape the way that you relate to others in your life (God, self, spouse, children, parents, church, those who aren't like you)?
5. How does all of this lead us into the Gospel?

Rules of Engagement

1. Everyone is welcome, all the time, wherever you are in your journey.
2. It's okay to pray or share, or *not* to pray or share.
3. Share the time with everyone in the group.
4. Listen actively.
5. Don't try to fix anyone.
6. What happens at the Gathering is held in pastoral confidence.

The Shape of the Morning Gathering

- **Gathering and Fellowship.** 15 minutes.
- **Directed Individual Reflection.** 10 minutes. Reading/Reflecting/Journaling/Meditating on a short passage in Scripture focused around discussion questions that are designed to get to your heart and your Christian experience—not your knowledge base.
- **Sharing/Connecting/Reflecting Together** around the Directed Individual Reflection. 20-25 minutes. This is designed to be a safe place where we can share our joys and sorrows, struggles and victories, where we can know others and be known, and where we can encourage one another in the Christian life together.
- **Prayer.** 10-15 minutes. A time to pray for each other in light of what has been shared in our discussion. This isn't necessarily a time to break out a laundry list of requests around other circumstances, but more of a focused prayer around the Scripture and discussion this morning.

Weekly Connection

1. Call somebody this week.
2. Pray for somebody this week.
3. Consider pursuing "Paul," "Timothy," or "Silas" relationships.