

HIS PEACE HE GIVES US

Life Group Questions | Sunday, July 8, 2018

How have you defined the word *decadence*? How does its meaning evolve as you consider its parts: de & cadence?

In this series, we will be exploring some the sacred rhythms of our faith; ways of staying in tune with God's design for God's world. Describe a time you felt in rhythm with God, others, and/or yourself. What was that like? What were the circumstances or practices that helped you feel in tune?

Describe a time when you felt out of rhythm with God, others, and/or yourself. What attitudes, behaviors, or emotions served as clues to something being off?

What would it mean for you to truly know God's inner beat of peace? What areas of your life would be most impacted?

Read John 14:15-31. Jesus is setting up his disciples for life after he is gone—a life of unity and continuity of his mission. What sparks in you as you read Jesus' words?

Re-read John 14:27. Reflect together on Jesus' words, "*My peace I give you.*" Which word speaks most to you in this season. Is it:

MY — the understanding that Christ's own peace can be truly yours, in all it's power?

PEACE — a concept that feels so foreign to your life torn by conflict, that you can barely believe it?

I — a fundamental doubt about the character or person of Jesus?

GIVE — implying that all you've done to earn your way into peace has merely taken you farther away from the surrender that Christ asks of you?

YOU — a statement of both corporate and individual identity that points us straight back to the community of faith, the Body of Jesus?

Pray together. Begin with a moment of silent reflection to bring your word to Christ in prayer.