



***The Verdict Is In* — Week 4: “The Peace of God”**

CONNECT: What are you afraid of? Snakes, spiders, public speaking...

GROW:

1. Scott said this weekend, *“Living in fear costs us peace.”* How has this played out in your life?
2. **Read John 20:19** The Hebrew word *Shalom* means *Peace* and *Whole*. When Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, *“Peace be with you.”* What was he talking about? What did he mean?
3. **Read Micah 5:4-5** How does the writer describe Jesus and how He will be our peace? Why does he use the analogy of a shepherd here?
4. **Read 1 John 4:18** John says *“Perfect love drives out fear.”* How has this happened to you or your family?
5. Scott asked, *“What do you think God’s intentions are toward you?”* Talk about His intentions, and how our belief of God’s intentions are revealed in our fear.
6. **Read John 3:16-17** How does God’s love save? Talk about how it saves at the individual level, then reflect on the global impact of God’s saving love.
7. Explain the Gospel using the illustrations of God’s *Justice, Sentence, Pardon, and Peace.*

PRAY: Thank the Father for Jesus and how he fulfills God’s plan to save the world and you individually.

NEXT: This week, think of someone who needs to hear this story and pray about how you will approach them with the story of Jesus.