

## **WEEK 5: OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**SERIES – STAND FIRM: 40 Days of Spiritual Warfare**

**TITLE - “Shoes of Peace”**

*Notes and questions adapted from “Spiritual Warfare: Armor of the Believer” by David Jeremiah*

### **SUMMARY**

Preparing to go to battle with peace is an interesting concept. Peace has something to do with steadfastness, having a firm stance, and having leverage against the power against us. Satan is scheming against the hearts and minds of people, trying to tempt everyone to find peace apart from the Prince of Peace. It is clear the battle for peace is everywhere we look. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 19.1% of adults in the U.S. have had an anxiety disorder in the past year. This is more than 40 million people and costs the U.S. economy \$282 billion every year. The Evil One comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and desires to rob you of your peace. By maintaining a perspective of peace in our lives regardless of our circumstances, we can establish a strong defense against the enemy’s attacks. Let us prepare ourselves with the gospel of peace.

### **PRAYER**

After a time of checking in with each other, open up with prayer

### **WEEKLY SERMON REVIEW**

- Q: Anything specific about the sermon speak to you this week?
- Q: What were the enemies of peace that were mentioned? Are there others you experience?
- Q: Usually “no plan” is “a plan”. Why are bad plans of attack usually impulsive and how do you see that truth playing out in the bad plans of attack mentioned?
- Q: In Ephesians 2:12, there are three aspects of “hostility” that we experience: with God, others, and within ourselves. How are these talked about in this verse?
- Q: In Ephesians 2:14 we are told Jesus is our peace. In the following verses, how is Jesus the source of peace for us? Colossians 1:20, 2 Corinthians 13:11, John 14:27.

### **BIBLE & DISCUSSION:**

- Discuss the progression of the armor of God that Paul has mentioned so far in Ephesians 6:14-15. How does each piece of armor spiritually lead into and support the next?
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- Q: In this passage what does Paul say we battle against? How is this similar to the imagery seen in Ephesians 6?
- Q: What does Paul challenge us to do in 2 Corinthians 10:5?
- Q: How does doing this lead to peace?
- Read Psalm 55:22
- Q: What are we to do with our worry (or “burden”)?
- What does God promise to do for us when we do this?
- CLOSING STATEMENT: “As hard as the world has tried to produce peace in our time, it has failed. That is because the world has yet to submit itself to the Author of peace who alone is able to calm the fears and anxieties of individuals and nations. Satan has no power over those who are at peace with God.” -David Jeremiah

### **PRAYER REQUESTS AND CLOSING**

Review previous prayer requests and share new ones. Facilitator can choose how to close.