

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for May 25, 2025
Peace in Christ Alone



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with a CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - Share a time when you found peace in Christ in the midst of trouble.
- **GROW** *in Christ* (Read the following scripture from **John 16: 23-33**)

²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. ²⁵ “Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

²⁹ Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰ Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.” ³¹ “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. ³² “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

³³ “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - Since this text occurred on Maundy Thursday, the day before Jesus would be crucified, buried and rise again on Easter morning, which “Day” do you think Jesus was referring to in verse 23?
 - In verse 20, which occurs before our reading, Jesus tells the disciples that they will weep and mourn for a time, but that their grief will turn to joy. How does that relate to Good Friday and Easter Morning?
 - In verse 29, the disciples essentially said that now they understood. But why do Jesus’ words in verse 32 indicate that they don’t understand the significance of His ministry and upcoming crucifixion?
 - Scholars tell us that the Greek word used in verse 33, indicates that Jesus is not talking about a subjective “feeling” of peace, but the objective reality of peace, peace with God eternally. How does that give us the hope of peace in the midst of the storms of life?
- **SERVE** *others*

How might God want to use you to share the truth about Jesus bringing you peace in the midst of the storms of your life. Look for opportunities and do that!

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**