



Icebreaker:

Share your best story of when the electricity went out and how you passed the time in darkness until it was restored.

(Watch Session 2 of What Makes You Happy)

1. What part of Doug’s story stood out to you the most?

Romans 5:1-2 says

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.”

2. According to this passage, what is the one thing that is required for us to have peace with God? Is this easy or difficult for you to accept? Why?

3. Do you feel as if you are at peace with God? Why or why not?

1 John 1:6 says, *“So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.”*

4. What does “spiritual darkness” look like in your opinion?

5. How would you define the term sin?

6. Why do you think a loving God would, at times, allow us to experience the consequences of our sin rather than rescuing us out of it?

7. In the video, in what ways did God allow Doug to face the consequences of his own sin? How did those consequences move him closer to God?

8. Have you ever had to experience the consequences of your sin? Did those consequences bring you closer to God, or cause you to turn away from him?

1 John 4:20 says, *“If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?”*

9. Do you think our relationships with others can affect the peace that we have with God? Why or why not? How have you experienced this personally?

10. Is there anything that is standing in the way of your peace with God?

Here are some examples:

Unresolved conflict

An addiction

An unhealthy relationship

A distraction

A poor attitude

Unforgiveness

Apathy

Greed

What is one step you can take toward peace in that area?

If you are comfortable, share that step with the group and ask them to hold you accountable next week.

Closing Prayer:

“Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us so that we have the opportunity to be at peace with you. Reveal to us the things in our lives that are keeping us from living in that peace. Forgive us and give us the power to change.”

** Download The Jar Community Church App and select the “What Makes You Happy Resources” button to access the What Makes You Happy Daily Devotional as well as other resources. This week’s devotionals are Days 6-10.*