





Paul's Theme (verse 1)

- 1. Why do you think it is so hard to find peace in this world?
- 2. How is God's peace different from the world's version of peace?
- 3. How can we have peace with God?
- 4. How do you feel knowing that you can have peace with God?

Where We Stand With God (verse 2-5)

- 5. What does Paul mean by we have "obtained access by faith"?
- 6. What does it mean to "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God"?
- 7. What does it mean that "hope does not put us to shame"?
- 8. What does it mean that "God's love has been poured out" and the Holy Spirit "has been given to us"?
- 9. How might what Paul writes about our standing with God help you in the day-to-day circumstances of your life?

How God Relates To Us (verses 6-11)

- 10. How does Paul describe our relationship with God before He reconciled us?
- 11. How does Paul describe our relationship with God as those God has reconciled to Him?
- 12. What can being reconciled to God mean for you personally?
- \rightarrow View the Billy Graham video "Defining Moments." (allow 30 minutes)
- 13. The "Defining Moments" video shares three testimonies of those who have responded by faith to God in the defining moments of their lives. How has each experienced God's peace in their lives?
- 14. What was one defining moment in your life? How did you respond to it?
- 15. All around us are people who are going through defining moments (as we do) who are searching for the peace that can only come from God. Take some time as a group to discuss the materials available (BGEA resources and video). How might you (individually and as a group) use these as tools to share with others what it means to you to have peace with God?