

Sermon Based Small Group

Series: "More. Jesus."

Title: "More Jesus, More Peace. Experiencing Jesus in the Midst of Chaos"

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

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Introduction

- What is your favourite story of raising kids or, if it's more fun, your favourite story of your parents raising YOU?

Questions from the Message

- What is your biggest concern or care in your life right now? (Leaders, depending on the vulnerability of the answers, be prepared to spend some time here)
- While culture and pop-psychology will often tell you to *remove* yourself from the situation, the Scriptures say God offers peace in the *midst* of that situation. How does that shift of thinking impact you?
- Do you ever treat God like a cosmic vending machine? When things are going well, you don't need him, but when things are going poorly – he better deliver?
- What would happen if you treated your spouse or close friend that way?
- What would it look like to rejoice in God and not just his gifts?
- How have you seen God *recently* be answering your prayers?
- How can we be more thankful to God while presenting our requests to him?
- What has been the most impactful faith-formation in your own life?
- The word "guard" (v. 7) is a military term of how an army protects a city. What does it mean to you that God will guard your heart in this way?
- God isn't only *present*, he is *invested*. What does that mean for us when challenges and difficulties arise?
- What does it mean for you, personally, to share the Gospel with yourself?
- What does rejoicing and thanksgiving look like in your own life?

Prayer

- Pray for peace not only for ourselves, but for our children and our church
- Pray for those close to us to come to faith