

5. "What's Going On...with My Church?"

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Sermon Outline Notes

When we ask "What's Going On?" WE ARE EXPRESSING OUR NEED FOR PEACE

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

I. Matthew 13:31-32 Growth

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Peace is found when I <u>EMBRACE THE KINGDOM PRINCIPLE</u> OF GROWTH AND MAKE WAY FOR THE KINGDOM TO SHINE

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

II. John 15:12-13

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Peace is found when I FOLLOW JESUS' PROMPTINGS AND

TAKE RISKS TO ENGAGE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH

MY CHURCH COMMUNITY

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:12-14 ESV

III. Hebrews 10:24-25 Structure

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Peace is found when I COMMIT TO A CHURCH COMMUNITY

AND GET INVOLVED

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47