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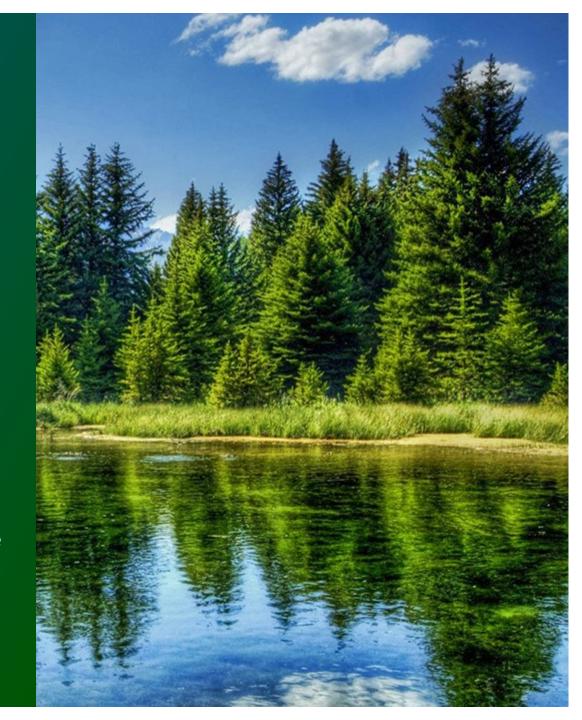
## Passing the Peace

- Shalom or Peace, in the biblical context is a sense that everything is working together. It's the harmony of all things in right relationships to God and each other.
- Most of us think of peace as being free from pain, emotions or suffering.
- Peace does not mean that we will not suffer, only that suffering can not separate us from the love of God.
- Disasters/traumatic events impact people who have no conscious experience of God's presence and people who have a strong sense of God's loving presence.



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- God's peace is active and victorious in defeating evil.
- God passes His peace to us so that we will not fear.
- Our experience of peace is as strong as our experience with the presence of God.
- When we offer God's peace to others we are helping them perceive God's presence and helping them to begin to sense what God is showing them.
- The peace of Christ is powerful and His peace will establish them and bring them back to life.
- Healing is found not in the absence of pain but in the presence of Jesus (Immanuel – God with us).



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- 1. Take a few short breaths. Then find a memory where you felt grateful or peaceful.
- 2. Open your heart and see if you sense God's presence or until you feel peace. Ask Jesus what does He want to tell you in that memory.
- 3. Share your story of finding peace.

