



## SHALOM – Peace

### Read and Discuss

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#### Video Questions

##### Question 1:

What was new for you in this presentation/video? What new discovery did you make about peace in the world and in your life?

##### Question 2:

*Shalom*, or peace, is not only the absence of conflict but also the presence of connection and completion. Who and what do we need in order to experience connection and a sense of completion?

## 2

### Read:

Luke 8:40-48

### Question 1:

Where do you need *shalom* to be restored in your **body, mind, or spirit**? Consider how Jesus responded to the woman in need. Is it physical? Spiritual? Emotional? Relational? Vocational? Ask for his *shalom* to meet you where you are.

### Question 2:

Consider your **community** for a moment. Where does *shalom* need to be restored? Jot down a list of your answers as a petition to God, and then circle one thing on the list. Prayerfully consider what practical steps you or your community can take to bring connection and completion to that one fragmented place.

## 3

### Read:

Ephesians 2:11-18

### Question 1:

Read verses 11-13 again. What is it like to be far away from God? Jesus provided a way to bring us close to God. Consider your personal story. How did Jesus bring you to God? What is it like to have peace with him?

### Question 2:

We often use the figure of speech “a wall between us” to describe interpersonal conflict. Consider one relationship in your life that needs peace. Read verses 14 and 15 again, and then take a moment to imagine Jesus taking down the wall between you. What does the scene look like after Jesus destroys the wall of hostility?