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|  | CHRISTIAN STREAKER: Gospel Shoes |
|  BIG IDEA | We receive God's peace so we can stand strong and share peace with others. |
|  ICE BREAKER | What's your favorite pair of shoes you've ever owned, and what made them special to you? |
|  MAIN POINTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul uses the imagery of a Roman soldier's hobnailed shoes that provided sure footing ● Two Dimensions of Gospel Peace: Inward & Outward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inward Peace is supernatural, given through the Holy Spirit - not dependent on circumstances ○ Outward Peace is Peace is actionable peace in daily interactions - peacemakers, not just peacekeepers ● There is a difference between Peacemaking & Peacekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peacekeeping: Avoiding confrontation, letting things slide (can lead to injustice) ○ Peacemaking: Actively reconciling, working through conflict for true resolution |
|  DISCUSS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DJ said that Jesus gives us a different kind of peace than the world gives. How would you describe the difference between worldly peace and the peace that comes from Jesus? 2. Read John 14:27 together. What does it mean that the Father and Jesus "make their home" with us? How does this connect to the peace we receive? 3. The sermon outlined four ways we find peace (surrendering to Christ, community, God's Word, prayer). Which of these resonates most with you right now? Which one do you find most challenging? 4. Think about the difference between peacemaking and peacekeeping. Can you share an example where you've seen each approach in action? What were the results? 5. DJ quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s letter from Birmingham jail. How do you think the "gospel of peace" empowered him to stand for justice even in difficult circumstances? 6. DJ shared the idea that "I don't get it but I got it." Have you ever experienced God's peace in a situation you didn't fully understand? How did that peace sustain you? |
|  NEXT STEP | Identify one specific relationship or situation where you can practice "gospel shoe living" - either by standing firm in God's peace during a difficult time, or by actively bringing peace to someone else. Share your commitment with the group for accountability. |
|  SCRIPTURE | <p>John 14:23 & 27 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.</p> <p>Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"</p> |
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**NEXT WEEK
SNEAK PEAK**

Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue the series CHRISTIAN STREAKER looking at the Book of Ephesians!

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