

Oceanside Connect Group Outline
Week of January 10th 2015



Key Scripture

John 14:25-28 & Acts 10:34-36

John 14:25–28 (ESV)

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.
²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.”

Acts 10:34–36 (ESV)

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)...”

Discussion questions from this last week’s sermon

What different views do your friends or family have on what will happen to them after this life? How much time do they seem to spend thinking about it or how seriously do you think they take it?

How seriously, as Christians, do we take the reality of our eternal destination? Around the world today and historically Christians have paid the ultimate price for their faith. **Why do Christians seem so unafraid to give up their lives?**

In John 14:27 & Acts 10:36 scripture tells us that Jesus gives peace to the Christian. **Christians around the world can have a very difficult life, how does Jesus give them peace? Is your answer enough to transcend all their suffering?**

In Canada there is little threat of physical persecution to Christians. **How would the everyday priorities of your faith change if you were in a Muslim nation where this threat was very real?**

You may have come up with several changes in the outworking of your faith in the last question. **Do you think any of your points have a place in your life today or do you think these are realistic differences?**

Within “The Lord’s Prayer” in Matthew 6:10, Jesus prays kingdom come and that God’s will would be done on earth. **Through whom do you think the will of God should be done on earth today?**

How often do you think about God’s will in your day? Do you ever find yourself thinking about it and then changing your actions?

Reflect on this statement: “The peace that Jesus gives us through His salvation and the reality of eternity enable us to carry out God’s will as we view Him as Lord.”

As a group, are there any things in your faith that you want to live out differently going forward?