

# missing peace

## Missing Peace :: *Part 2* :: Clay Scroggins

### INTRODUCTION

We are a society pursuing longing for a sense of inner peace. From aromatic candles to tranquil music to luxury beach vacations, people spend a lot of money trying to produce this peace. But the problem is that we are only manipulating our external environments. We aren't doing anything to achieve that lasting sense of inner serenity. As we'll see, true peace is found somewhere else.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you attempt to change your environment to attain peace (listen to music, get away, light candles, etc.)?
2. When have you found that otherwise relaxing circumstances didn't give you that peaceful, easy feeling (i.e. a vacation turned stressful)?
3. Read John 14:25-27. Have you ever felt the peace of God amidst otherwise stressful circumstances? Describe what was going on and the peace you felt.
4. Though Jesus physically left the earth, the Spirit was sent to be in us and give us comfort. How does this knowledge--that the presence of God is with you--give you peace?
5. What is currently troubling you?
6. Read John 14:1. How can you trust God with your troubles today?

### THINK ABOUT IT

When you pray for peace, are you praying that God would change your circumstances, or are you praying that he would give you peace regardless of the circumstances?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How can you remind yourself this week that the peace of God is available to you?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*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.* John 14:27