

# Meeting 9.1



**Module 9 outcome: The disciple commits to being a tangible part of the solution for an injustice in the world.**

**DISCUSS** the “Shalom” video from The Bible Project.

**REVIEW** these key quotes from the video to get started:

*In the Bible, the word “peace” can refer to the absence of conflict, but it also points to the presence of something better in its place.*

*In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for peace is “shalom.” In the New Testament, the Greek word is “eirene.” The most basic meaning of shalom is “complete” or “whole.”*

*The prophet Isaiah looked forward to a prince of “shalom,” and his reign would bring shalom with no end.*

*Jesus restored to wholeness the broken relationship between humans and their creator. This is why the Apostle Paul can say, “Jesus himself is our eirene (peace). (Ephesians 2:14-15)*

*Becoming people of peace means participating in the life of Jesus, who reconciled all things...*

*It’s not just the absence of conflict. True peace requires taking what’s broken and restoring it to wholeness—whether it’s in our lives, in our relationships, or in our world.*

1. This is the biblical concept of “shalom.” How does this understanding of “peace” go farther than typical definitions?
2. Think about a time in life where you were not experiencing shalom—your life was fragmented, broken, or disjointed. Did you come back to wholeness? How?



3. Now think about our culture and world. In your opinion, which fractures are most painful? Why?

4. Start asking yourself how you might be called to bring shalom to the world. You can't fix all the problems, but you can help heal something that's broken. What might that be?

5. To help you get more clarity on Question 4, consider the following:

What injustices have you suffered yourself?

What injustices disturb you the most?

For whom do you feel the most compassion?

What do you think Jesus showed the most concern for?

6. What fractured relationships or habits are present in your life that need shalom?

**Assignment:** Watch Tim Keller's sermon, "Generous Justice," located on the Module 9 resource page. Then access Part 1 of the Generous Justice journaling guide located on the resource page as well. Come ready to discuss your responses at your next meeting.

