

Notes for House Churches / Small Groups

SERIES: Names of God

God is known by many names throughout the Old and New Testaments. Quite often we read these names in English and fail to grasp their message. God's names throughout Scripture always reveal a unique aspect of His character to us.

Week 3: Jehovah Shalom – The Lord is Peace	
 5 – 10 min	<p>Icebreaker suggestion: Where is the most peaceful place you've been?</p>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">WORSHIP</div> 10 min	<p>Idea: Listen to 'Beauty of Your Peace' by Tim Hughes and quietly reflect on God's constant presence with us. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y2SGjX3iHK4</p>
 5 min	<p>Input: In the Old Testament <i>Jehovah Shalom</i> occurs only once, in Jdg 6:24. Jehovah is written in most mainstream English translations as Lord or LORD, essentially indicating that the corresponding Hebrew is actually Yahweh or YHWH (The Sacred Name) - the covenantal name that God revealed to His people. Yahweh is held in such reverence by Jewish people that they do not even speak it, instead replacing it with 'Adonai'. The name indicates that God is transcendent and the source of all being.</p> <p>Shalom, often translated as 'peace', is a derivative of shâlêm which means 'wholeness' or 'completeness'. It can also mean 'free of trouble' and speaks in anticipation of a time when God will set everything right. When combined with Jehovah the resulting name means The Lord is Peace (connoting that The Lord brings wholeness).</p>
 20 min	<p>Texts and Questions for Discussion/Application: Read Judges 6:11-24 Why do you think Gideon declared Jehovah Shalom (6:24) at this time? Why not "The Lord is Courage" or "The Lord is Strength"?</p> <p>We often narrow the definition of Shalom to simply 'peace' in English, rather than 'wholeness' or 'completeness'. How does the wider definition of the word impact your view of God as Jehovah Shalom? Does this wider definition fit with the Gideon story? How so?</p> <p>Do you see the reality of Jehovah Shalom in your life?</p> <p>Read Isaiah 52:7. Shalom here goes hand in hand with salvation. How does knowing God as Jehovah Shalom help you bring good news of God's salvation where you are? How has Jehovah Shalom impacted or changed you in your life?</p>
 10 min	<p>Corporate Prayer & Looking Out: Where in your life do you need to proclaim God as Jehovah Shalom? Who do you know that needs to experience God as Jehovah Shalom? How can you be someone that carries the good news and God's peace into those situations this week? Pray corporately or in small groups about this.</p>