Sermon Title: **“A Promise of Peace”**

**3-Fold Purpose: *Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

**One Mission: *Make Disciples***

**4 Commitments:**

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Share something that God taught you this week from your Bible reading, prayer time, or another experience.
2. Read John 14:27-31. After reading this passage, share with your group initial observations and questions.
   1. What was a highlight from Sunday’s sermon that shed light on this passage of scripture?
   2. What makes you fearful or anxious?
   3. How is the peace that Jesus gives different from the world?

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Jesus states in vs. 27: “Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
   1. Would Jesus make a command that was impossible to keep? Discuss.
   2. How much of your anxiety and fear is tied to your own desire to control things, situations and people?
   3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much (do you think) you allow the Holy Spirit unhindered influence in your day-to-day life?

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. The previous Sunday’s sermon focused on the Holy Spirit as ‘Helper’.
   1. In what areas of your life have you felt this to be true?
   2. The Slavic Gospel Association’s founder, Peter Deyneka’s motto used to be: “Much prayer, much power; little prayer,

little power; no prayer, no power!” How much time and effort do you spend each day being connected with the Holy Spirit through prayer?

* 1. Is there someone in your life that you’re accountable to for your prayer life?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. Is there someone you know who is struggling with fear and anxiety? What is something practical you can do for them this week?
2. Reading or watching the news these days can easily evoke fear and hopelessness. Paul states in 2 Timothy 1:7 “*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”* (NKJV). Part of the good news of the gospel is that there is no reason to fear. Discuss as a group ways in which you (individually and corporately) can be a source of hope to your neighbours and the nations. Be specific and make your answers tangible.

Scripture Memory for the Week

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*. Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)