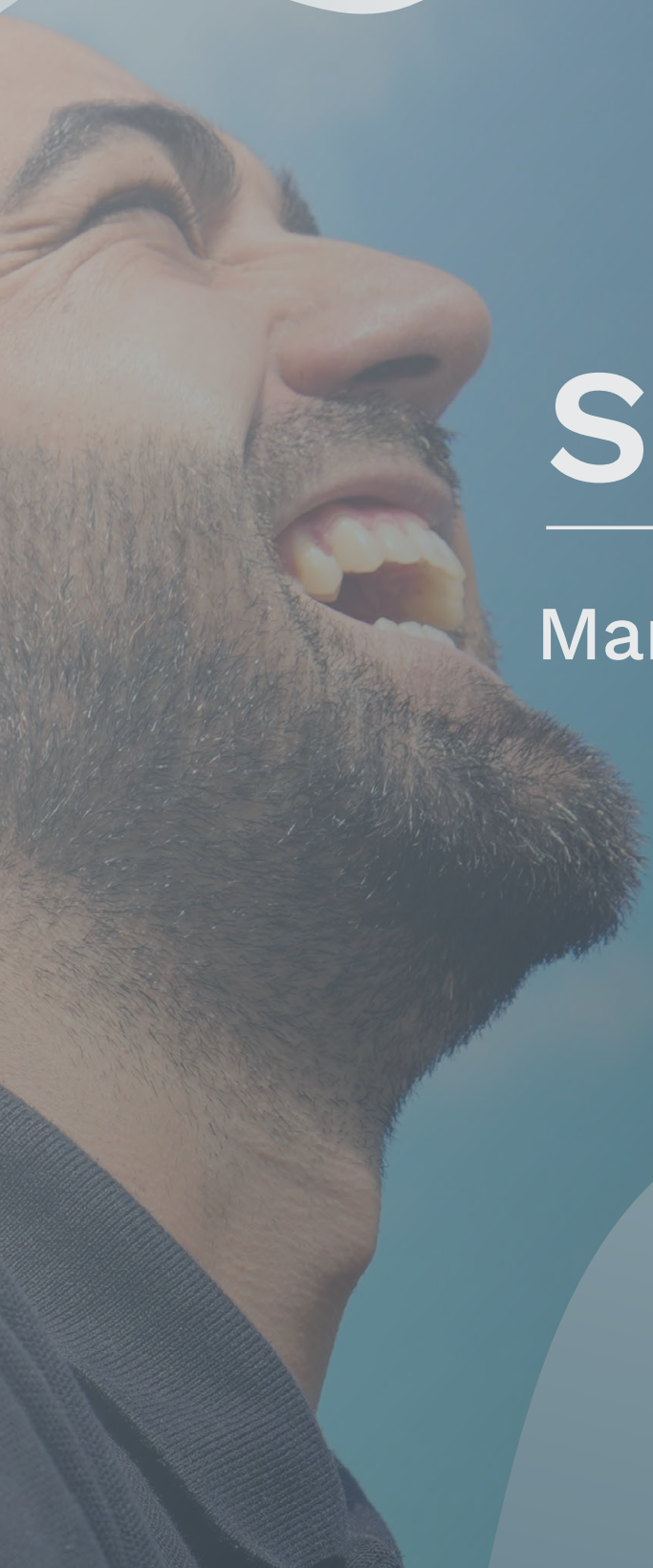


Session Three

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Smile

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The scripture proclaims that our God is a God of peace (Isaiah 9:6, Judges 6:24, Romans 15:33, Hebrews 13:20).

It shouldn't come as a surprise that, as those who now have Jesus Christ, the God of peace, dwelling in us by His Spirit, we are called to be carriers of His peace into the lives of this around us (Matthew 5:9, Matthew 10:13).

The question we are looking at today is: how we can share this peace?

An easy and yet powerful and profound way to share the peace of God that is in us to others is through a *smile*.

In a time where we are being taught to see one another as a threat, where nations are growing ever more polarised and divided, a simple smile can bring the peace of God into the lives of our friends, neighbours, colleagues and even strangers.

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This week seek to be a bringer of peace: be quick to smile at others, say hello, ask people how they are and mean it.

God can and will use our small offerings in ways we could have never imagined.

Small Group Questions

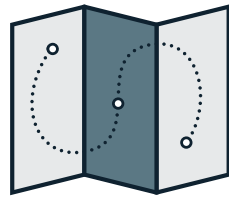
God has made us all different, and we'll all have different challenges in being those who bring God's peace to people through a smile. With God's help and some intention on our part, we can all grow in this.

If you're someone who finds the idea of making eye contact, smiling at, or greeting people you don't know well quite daunting or it doesn't come naturally to you:

- Why do you think that is?
- What are the obstacles to you beginning to do this more?
- Pray for God to help you overcome these obstacles.

If you're someone who finds interacting with people you're not close with easy, enjoyable, or it comes very naturally to you:

- Do you have any stories of God using the simple act of smiling to use you in people's lives?
- How expectant are you that God will use this to open up Gospel opportunities?
- Pray that God will help you be intentional in using what comes easily to you to open up Gospel opportunities and show His love to people.



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