

## Bless This Home

### Special Guest: Beth Guckenberger

**God goes to extraordinary lengths to bring peace to our chaos, to heal our brokenness.** Part of our response to how God works and moves in us to bring peace is to testify to what He has done, to share with others how He has brought wholeness (Psalm 107:2; Mark 5:18-20). Another part of our response is carrying the peace God has given us into the chaotic, fragmented situations and environments of those around us. God loves, honors, and blesses when we intentionally do this. Though we have a real enemy who desires nothing more than our death and destruction, we can confidently face the battle knowing that we possess the *shalom* of God and have been given the weapons we need to effectively resist the enemy (Ephesians 6:11, 1 Peter 5:8).

#### GET THINGS STARTED

What part(s) of the message from Beth Guckenberger stood out to you or resonated with you the most? What did you find most challenging or convicting, and why?

#### GO DEEPER

1. From Psalm 107:2, why is it significant to tell our stories of how God has worked to bring peace and wholeness to our chaos and brokenness? What powerful impact can our testimonies have in the lives of those who hear?
2. Why do you think Jesus instructed the man who was demon-possessed to go home to his own people and tell them how much the Lord had done for him (Mark 5:18-20)? What do you think was His purpose for *not* letting the previously demon-possessed man go with Him?
3. What is the *shalom* (or peace) of God, and how do we walk in it or carry it regardless of the conflict or chaos we may be facing?

#### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What storm or chaos are you facing right now? What would it look like to have the peace of God in that storm?
2. How has God brought peace and wholeness to your chaos and brokenness in the past? How have you seen God go to extraordinary lengths to bring you freedom, healing, and restoration? Who do you know that might need to hear you tell your story?
3. What does the enemy want to accomplish through the storm and chaos you are facing? What is the enemy hoping will happen in your family, church, and community? What might it look like to give the enemy the *first punch*?

#### PRACTICE IT NOW

**As a group, take time in prayer to invite the *shalom* of God into your heart and life.** Ask Him to equip you more fully to battle against the schemes of the enemy, to testify to how He has already brought peace to areas of chaos and brokenness in your life, and to carry the peace of God into the chaos and disfunction of those around you. Take time to share stories of how God has given you His peace that surpasses understanding (Philippians 4:7).