



- We don't want to miss what matters this Christmas.

Lessons we can learn are:

- God always shows up at an appointed time.

4 But when the right time came, the time God decided on, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born as a Jew, 5 to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own sons. Galatians 4:4-5 (TLB)

32 ...no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. 33 And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert! Mark 13:32-33 (NLT)

- If God says it's going to happen, you can bank on it.

22 So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, 23 "A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us." Matthew 1:22-23 (CEV)

2 ...I am going to prepare a place for you... 3 When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. John 14:2-3 (NLT)

- Peace comes from your personal connection with God.

22 ...Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.... Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

13 Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." Luke 2:10-14 (NLT)

...And he will be their peace. Micah 5:4-5

27 I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (TLB)

I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world." John 16:33

Peace is not the absence of something,
but the presence of someone.

Real Peace is experienced:

- When we surrender ourselves to Christ.

This is the message of Good News ...that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Acts 10:36

Three types of peace you can experience this Christmas:

- Peace with **God**.

19 ...God was in Christ making peace between the world and himself, not putting their sins to their account, and having given to us the preaching of this news of peace. 2 Corinthians 5:19 (BBE)

1 ...since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Romans 5:1 (NLT)

- Peace with **Yourself**.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

5 Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on him. Psalm 62:5

Question:

When you look in the **Mirror**, are you at peace?

You can't **experience** what you don't **accept**.

- Peace with **Others**.

16 "Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death." Ephesians 2:16 (NLT)

If you want this Personal Peace:

- Make God your priority.

3 You, Lord, give true peace to those who depend on you because they trust You." Isaiah 26:3

- Give control to God.

Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on him. Ps 62:5

- Accept God's gift to you.

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. Jn. 14:27



**TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE
IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- What do you plan on doing this Christmas that will allow you to experience Jesus in a greater way than years before?
- Why do you think God wants us to live with peace?
- Talk about the two lessons we can learn. How do these lessons increase our peace?
- How would you explain to someone the peace that God gives? Why is it we can experience peace in the middle of chaos?
- How does surrendering to God bring peace?
- Dave talked about three types of peace you can experience this Christmas. Do you have peace with God? What does that mean?
- Do you have peace with yourself? How would you describe that?
- Do you have peace with others? Explain.

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