



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

- Jesus came to enter our **chaos** and establish **peace**.

Peace means a couple of things:

Peace is not just the **absence** of something,
but the **presence** of something better.

The Hebrew word of peace: **Shalom**.

That word is translated: To make Complete and whole.

- The greater the **chaos** the more **alone** we feel.

23 “The virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel,” which means “God is with us.” Matthew 1:23 (GWT)

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

The 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

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

- Peace with **Others**.

16 ...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)

You can’t **give** what you don’t **possess**.

Our peace with God is reflected in the peace we have with **others**.

- 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. John 14:27

*“For to us a child is born, ... And he will be called ... Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6*



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

Questions for 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? Explain why?
- Talk about the biblical definition of peace. How is that different than the peace that the world talks about?
- What does it mean for Jesus to enter our chaos and establish peace? How does Jesus bring your life peace? Is there a difference between the peace that the world offers and the peace Jesus brings?
- Why is surrendering ourselves to God necessary to experience His peace?
- What does it mean to have peace with God? How does that allow us to experience completeness and wholeness?
- What does wholeness with ourselves mean?
- How do we allow peace to restore and complete relationships?

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