

GOD WITH US

Advent 2020

Small Group Questions — The Week of December 20, 2020

Sermon Overview: What does Christmas have to do with peace? The first verse of Silent Night ends with these familiar words: “sleep in heavenly peace.” And yet the night that Jesus was born was anything but peaceful and silent. The shepherds were full of fear as the angels filled the sky and proclaimed peace on earth. When we think of peace, we often think about the absence of chaos and noise. But the peace that the angels promised was not about absence, it was true peace that only comes from the presence of God. Join us this week for the fourth Sunday of Advent, and find out why Jesus is our Prince of Peace.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:8-14

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “peace”? How is the biblical idea of peace (shalom) different than your understanding of peace?
2. Why does the Apostle Paul say that we were enemies of God? How has Jesus given us peace with God? (See Romans 5:1-10)
3. What does true peace have to do with faith?
4. What causes division and disunity within the church? How has Jesus given us peace with one another?
5. Where do you lack peace in your life? Where do you need the peace of Christ the most?
6. What kind of peace did the angels promise at Christ’s birth? What kind of peace will the angels proclaim at His return?
7. What does peace have to do with the Kingdom of God? Why is Jesus called the “Prince of Peace”?