

Advent Week 2 - Peace

Message Based Curriculum

Opening

- Begin with a brief welcome and prayer to set the tone for the group time.
- Introduce the theme: “Advent Peace” – Finding true peace is not in the absence of trials, but through the presence of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- **Get the Conversation Started**
 - Share one way you’ve experienced peace—or the lack of it—during the holiday season. What made the difference?
 - How does the busyness or challenges of this time of year impact your ability to feel at peace?
- **Exploring Scripture**

Read Isaiah 9:6 and John 14:27 as a group:

 - What stands out to you about the way Jesus is described in these passages?
 - How does the promise of Jesus as the “Prince of Peace” encourage or challenge you in your current season of life?
 - How do you respond when you feel like Jesus is absent in your pain?
 - Follow up question: How can we as a group help one another when one of us feels like Jesus is far away?
- **Our Heavenly Father**
 - Discuss the idea of Jesus as one who provides eternal life and unconditional love. How does seeing Him as a caring father impact the way you relate to Him, especially when facing storms?
- **Reflection and Prayer**
 - Reflect on this bottom line: "Peace isn't the absence of trials but rather the presence of Jesus."
 - Are there specific areas in your life where you need to invite Jesus' peace? Share as you feel comfortable.
 - Close by taking time to pray for...
 1. The peace of Christ to fill areas of chaos or anxiety.
 2. Boldness to trust Jesus in the battles we face.
 3. A deeper understanding of Jesus' role as our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Everlasting Father.

Closing

1. Encourage group members to reflect on Isaiah 9:6 and John 14:27 during the week, seeking ways to live out the peace that Jesus brings.