



**A Sure Peace**  
**December 22, 2024 | Selected Scriptures**  
**Questions for Study and Group Discussion**

1. Ice-breaker: Share what's coming up for you this week in terms of Christmas. What are you excited about? Is anything causing you stress?
2. Reflect on the last year. Share one event or experience that caught you off guard and/or created anxiety in you.
3. Why is it important to learn how to respond to fear, stress, anxiety, etc in a healthy way?
4. Read the definition for biblical "peace" below, from Warren Wiersbe's commentary on Luke. What stands out to you about this?

*"The Jewish word shalom (peace) means much more than a truce in the battles of life. It means well-being, health, prosperity, security, soundness, and completeness. It has to do more with character than with circumstances."*
5. In Isaiah 9:6 and Luke 2:13-14, we discover that Jesus establishes peace. Based on what you heard in the message, why do we need this peace? (Hint: See Romans 3:23; Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:21.)
6. Read Colossians 1:21-22, Ephesians 2:13-14, and Romans 5:1. In your own words, share how Jesus accomplished peace with God for us.
7. How should this peace Jesus offers make a difference in your life? Read Isaiah 26:3, John 16:33, and Philippians 4:6-7.
8. Three points of application were mentioned in the message and are included below. After each, briefly summarize what it means and how you can apply this in your life this coming week:
  - Anchor yourself in peace. (See Isaiah 26:3; John 16:33)
  - Be a peace-maker. (See Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:18)
  - Celebrate the One who is Peace. (See Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:13-14)
9. In light of what you've learned from this passage, what's one way you can "December Different"?
10. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
11. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
12. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
13. **Challenge: Memorize Isaiah 9:6** — "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."