



WEEKEND RESOURCES | DECEMBER 15, 2024

Week 3 | Waiting for Peace in Anxious Times

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: We wait for peace in a world filled with anxiety and conflict. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he offers us peace, not as the world gives but a deep, lasting peace that surpasses our circumstances. We often wait for external peace—quiet circumstances or resolved conflicts—but Jesus calls us to embrace an internal peace that comes from knowing him, regardless of the chaos around us.

» Main Points

- Sometimes, Jesus doesn't fit the picture of what WE think the answer should look like.
- Relational Peace
- Emotional Peace
- Spiritual Peace

» Getting Started

- Describe the place where you experienced the most peace.

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Isaiah 9:6-7; John 14:27](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

reachout

- It's Christmas time!!! There is no better way to reach out to the people around you this week than to invite them to our Christmas services. In this crazy time of year, it is the place where they can meet the person who brings perfect peace to our world.

growdeep

- Reflect on your recent interactions online and offline. How can you embrace the idea of relational peace in these situations, letting go of the need to win or change others and instead focusing on love, grace, and understanding?
- What is one thing you can do this week to help yourself experience emotional peace?
- Think about the barriers or lies you believe that are preventing you from experiencing spiritual peace. How can you break down the obstacles and believe nothing can separate you from Jesus?

partner with families

- Peace is easier to find for some than others. One true thing is that you have to remove distractions to have peace. If your family doesn't already practice a screen and device-free time, implement one this week. Make sure it's not a surprise. Talk about it this week leading up to it, and plan how you'll use it. During that time this week, reflect on Jesus as the Prince of Peace. You could discuss this week's message as a family as you re-read scripture or look at the [Advent Reading Guide](#) together.

» Next Steps and Prayer

- Reflect on Isaiah 9:6-7 this week. Which name given to the coming Messiah resonates most with what you are waiting for in this season?
- Close by praying this prayer: Jesus - I want peace and wholeness. I know I can't get it on my own. Thank you for offering peace to me. I say yes, I want to follow you. Amen.