

These questions are for the December 21, 2025, message, "Jesus is our Prince of Peace" Please read the sermon passage (Isaiah 9:1-7) out loud.

Passage Outline

Our Prince of Peace resolves Christmas questions.

1. Why is there no peace in the world? (Gen 2:17; 3:1-7; James 4:1-4)
 - a. Humanity declared war on God (we do not want His authority over us).
 - b. War with God means war with self (trying to live under our own authority).
 - c. War with self means war with others (strife, bitterness, envy and blame).
2. What kind of peace should we expect at Christmas? (Isaiah 9:6-7)
 - a. Peace with God. "Peace is a Person."
 - i. Freedom from disturbances between us and God.
 - ii. Because Christ, the God-man, has died in our place to bring peace.
 - b. Peace with self. "Peace is a gift" (John 14:27).
 - i. The work of Christ ends our hiding, ends our guilt.
 - ii. The work of Christ brings us home to our Maker.
3. How can we know Peace in this world? (Luke 2:14; Hebrews 11:6)
 - a. Peace with others. "Peace is a process."
 - i. There is peace on earth in the hearts of those who trust the Lord (faith).
 - ii. There is hard work to do as we keep our minds on God's Word (Is 26:1-3).
 - b. Peace forever (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The source of constant friction, disagreements, unrest, mistreatment and even abuse in this world is not an absence (or weakness) in God, but real rebellion in the hearts of mankind. Think about the areas of disappointment in your life. How has your sin and the sin of others multiplied your pain and misery? How have you been tempted to blame these things on God?
2. Based on #1, above: If we do not have peace with God, then we cannot have peace with ourselves or with others. What are your great frustrations with others and with yourself? How are they intertwined? Discuss this: "You cannot give what you do not have."
3. Based on #2, above: Peace is a Person. Jesus is Peace, has peace and gives peace to those who know Him by faith. The answer is not information or academics, but loving and looking for Jesus (in the Word and by faith). In what way is Jesus your peace?
4. Based on #3, above: Peace is process. Those who trust Christ trust His Word, have our minds and emotions transformed by Him (Is 26:1-3) and know that the future is not only held in His hands, it is crazy good for those who love God. How are you growing in "perfect peace" because your mind is securely settled, and you trust God?