



Advent 2021 – A Season of Promise
Jesus and the Promise of Peace

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1. What cultural realities related to peace were presently existing at the birth of Jesus?
2. What kind of peace were Jesus' people looking for?
3. Why is peace such an important component of the Messiah's birth narrative?
4. How was peace associated with the earthly ministry of Jesus?
5. Why is peace such an elusive ideal in the past and today?
6. How might the peacemaking patterns of Jesus' life in this world, both inform and reform the peacemaking patterns of our lives in this world?

**Supporting
Scripture**

Gen. 49:10
 Ps. 45:6
 Num. 24:17

Is. 9:6-7
 Is. 11:2
 Mi. 5:2
 Lk. 1:79
 Lk. 2:1-7,13-14

Lk. 2:25-32
 Lk. 7:50
 Lk. 8:48
 Lk. 10

Lk. 12:49-53
 Jn. 14:27-31

Mt. 5:9
 Gal. 5:22
 Rom. 12:18
 2 Cor. 13:11
 Heb. 12:14
 Js. 3:17-18

Scriptures related to peace for reflection and meditation this week...

Matthew 5:1-12 – Monday
 Galatians 5:16-26 – Tuesday
 Romans 12:9-21 – Wednesday
 Hebrews 12:14-29 – Thursday
 Proverbs 9:10 & James 3:17-18 – Friday

Next Week: Advent Series #3 – A Season of Promise: Joy

Advent 2021 — A Season of Promise Jesus and the Promise of Peace Growing together in a Greater Love -- Discipleship Guide	
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide your time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p>Read the Text -read the text together. (Luke 2:1-7, 13-14, et. al.)</p> <p>Discussion Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How were the cultural realities related to peace that Jesus was born into different from, or the same as the cultural realities related to peace that we are living in today? 2. In what ways was the peace that Jesus was bringing, different from what his people (the Jews) were expecting? 3. Why was peace an important component related to the birth narrative of Jesus? How does Jesus make true peace available to humankind? 4. What were some of the ways that Jesus demonstrated postures or attitudes of peace while he was physically present and ministering here on earth? 5. How are we who have found peace with God through Jesus, encouraged to demonstrate that peace, living as salt and light in the world that God has planted us in? 6. Explore the scriptures related to peace offered at the bottom, on the front of the note guide this week. <p>Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does these texts challenge you to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are you motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating you apply some of the principles from this passage to your family, career, community, or church? 4. How might Jesus be using you to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How will you pray for each other between now and next time you meet? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u></p> <p>Gen. 49:10 Ps. 45:6 Num. 24:17 Is. 9:6-7 Is. 11:2 Mi. 5:2 Lk. 1:79 Lk. 2:1-7,13-14 Lk. 2:25-32 Lk. 7:50 Lk. 8:48 Lk. 10 Lk. 12:49-53 Jn. 14:27-31 Mt. 5:9 Gal. 5:22 Rom. 12:18 2 Cor. 13:11 Heb. 12:14 Js. 3:17-18</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>