



Christmas Lost?: wk4 Peace

Introduction: Peace on earth, good will to men. If Jesus came to bring peace, why does it seem to be in such short supply this Christmas?

Discussion Questions

1. If you had to define peace, how would you define it? Would you say that you experience peace or that peace is the absence of conflict or something else?
2. If you have been in conflict with someone, what is required for you and that person to be at peace? Can you think of a time where that happened?
3. **Read John 14:27 & John 16:33** When Jesus says he is leaving his peace with his disciples, what is he talking about? How can Jesus expect us to experience peace when we are also experiencing trouble?
4. **Read Romans 5:10** What did it take for God to bring peace between He and us? If there can be peace between us and God, what keeps us from having peace with each other?
5. In the sermon, Jeremy said that the “Peace of God” was a calm assurance that God can be trusted. Respond to that. What are some areas where we are tempted to not be at peace/trust God?
6. At the end of the classic poem Christmas Bells, Longfellow goes from despair due to the lack of peace on earth-because “hate is strong,” to resolve that “God is not dead nor does He sleep.” How does the knowledge that God is not done help bring peace?

Shaping Your Mind – *Isaiah 9:6 For unto 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.*

Moving Forward – May you rest in the assurance that God can be trusted and experience that peace this Christmas.