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Leader Conversation Guide – Advent: Peace

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Curt shared a powerful message on the theme of peace as we continue through the Advent season. He reminded us that peace is not simply the absence of trouble but the presence of Someone—Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). Through Scripture, Pastor Curt emphasized that true peace comes when we submit to God’s principles, seek His presence, and see from His perspective. He encouraged us to trust in the Lord’s provision, even in the midst of life’s challenges, and to allow His peace to guard our hearts and minds. As we engage in this discussion, let’s consider how we can welcome the peace of Christ into our lives and experience His rest and wholeness this Advent season.

**“I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart!
And the peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world
gives. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”** JOHN 14:27

Make It Practical:

The Nature of True Peace

- Biblical peace (Shalom) signifies rest, tranquility, wholeness, and contentment.
- Peace is not found in the absence of problems but in the presence of Jesus (Ephesians 2:13-14).
- God provides for us in the midst of trouble, not merely by preventing it (Psalm 23:4-5).

How to Experience the Lord of Peace

- Submit to His Principles: Aligning our lives with God’s Word brings peace (Isaiah 32:17; Matthew 16:24).
- Seek His Presence: Peace is sustained through a relationship with Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit (2 Thessalonians 3:16; Romans 8:5-6).
- See from His Perspective: Renewing our minds with God’s truth leads to life and peace (Philippians 4:8-9; Romans 15:13).

Promises of Peace

- God blesses His people with peace and surrounds them with favor (Psalm 5:12; Psalm 29:11).
- Peace is a fruit of righteousness and brings confidence and quietness (Isaiah 32:17).

Talk About It

Reflection on Peace

- John 14:27 describes the peace Jesus gives as different from the world's peace. How would you define the peace of Christ in your own life? How can this understanding help you handle fear or trouble?

Seeking the Prince of Peace

- Pastor Curt mentioned that peace isn't found in the absence of something but in the presence of Someone. What are practical ways you can seek the presence of the Prince of Peace during challenging times?

Living Under His Lordship

- The sermon outlined that for Jesus to be the Lord of Peace in our lives, we must submit to His principles, seek His presence, and see from His perspective. Which of these steps do you find most challenging, and how can you grow in this area?

“Prince of Peace”

SAR – The one in charge, Lord, chief, general
SHALOM – Rest, tranquility, wholeness, contentment

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. As we reflect on what it means to follow the Prince of Peace, help us to submit to Your principles, seek Your presence, and see life from Your perspective. Fill our hearts with Your Spirit, so we may experience true peace in every circumstance. May Your peace guide our hearts and minds as we trust in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Leader Tip

Church on the Couch, our annual post-Christmas service will be broadcast on Sunday, December 29th across our digital platforms (YouTube, Facebook, Church Online). There will be no in-person services on this day.