

## Sermon Discussion Guide

The Promise of Christmas: Week 3

### Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### Read

Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:8-17

### Main Ideas

This week, we zeroed in on one of the four titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah 9: Jesus as the Prince of Peace. The purpose of Jesus' incarnation is to offer peace, not just between each other, but with God Himself. It is in trusting in Him as our salvation that we experience this peace that surpasses all understanding.

### Icebreaker Question

- What are you most excited about this Christmas season?

### Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think peace is such a major theme of the Christmas season, even for those who aren't Christians?
2. What sets Christian peace apart? According to Scripture, where does our peace come from?
3. As a group, read Romans 5:1-5.
  - a. According to Paul, where does our peace with God come from?
  - b. According to Paul, what kind of life do we have access to because of this peace?
4. As a group, read Matt. 10:34-36.
  - a. How do we reconcile this passage with all the times that Jesus comes as a person of peace?
  - b. What is Jesus trying to show us about Himself?
5. As a group, read John 16:33.
  - a. According to Jesus, what is the source of our peace?
  - b. What about Jesus' offer of peace speaks into the reality of a broken world?
  - c. Is there something in your life where you are experiencing the trouble of the world? How can we help you cling to this promise of peace?