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Week 2: Peace

When the Bible talks about peace, it doesn't simply mean the absence of conflict. God's peace is something much greater. It is flourishing. It is stillness. It is the antidote to worry and anxiety. It is calmness and contentedness. It is reconciliation and unity.

Today, more often than not, *this* kind of peace feels downright impossible.

Our world feels busier than ever, angrier than ever, and more divided than ever. Worry hangs like a heavy weight around our necks. And flourishing? It feels more like floundering.

Is there any hope for peace?

This is the second week of Advent—a season of eager anticipation where we remember the first coming of Christ and look forward to the second. And this week, we focus on peace.

The truth is that God's people have *always* longed for peace. And he has always promised to *give* us peace, like in Isaiah 9:6-7:

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end.

God knew that the peace we need can't be provided by an agreement, an arrangement, or an arbitration. The peace we need comes from a person—the Prince of Peace himself.

In John 14:27, Jesus said:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Jesus didn't just *give* us peace. He *became* our peace by reconciling us to God. And this reconciliation enables the very flourishing that God's peace was always intended to bring—restoring our souls, repairing our relationships, and relieving our anxiety.

And one day, when the reign of the Prince of Peace is eternally established, a world without peace will only be a distant memory.

Reflection

Let's take some time to meditate on Jesus and anticipate his coming. After each question, press pause and reflect. Then answer by writing in your journal, talking to your family, or discussing with your community group.

1. How does the reality that Jesus has become our peace change our perspective?
2. What aspects of God's peace are you experiencing now? What aspects are you *not* experiencing?
3. In what situation or area of your life do you most need God's peace?

Prayer

As we pray together, let's rest in the stillness of God's peace. Let's exchange our weary, worried spirits for the easy burden and gentle way of Jesus.

Jesus—Prince of Peace—only you can bring peace to troubled hearts.

Everywhere we look, we see conflict, outrage, turmoil, and division. Yet with you, there is reconciliation, mercy, stillness, and unity.

We trust in you, for you do not merely give us peace. You have become our peace.

And we anticipate a day of no more tears or mourning or crying or pain. We look forward to the reign of your eternal peace.