



# HTC Small Group

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Increasing Peace

**Sermon Date:** December 4, 2016

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:6-7

**Speaker:** Pastor Rod Randall

1. Do you tend to have *more* or *less* peace during the Christmas season?
2. Read Isaiah 9:6-7
3. Verse 6 tells us that the “government will be on His shoulders.” Based on what you read, what kind of ruler will Jesus be?
4. How would you define “biblical peace”?
5. Do you think most Christians value peace as much as they should?
6. When have you felt God’s peace in you increasing? Decreasing?
7. Read Proverbs 17:1 and 14:30 as well as 1 Corinthians 14:33. In what way is peace shown to be valuable?
8. Since peace is found on *God’s* path, Pastor Rod challenged us to get there and stay there. Any personal examples of this (good or bad)?
9. Read Psalm 85:8-10. The peace promised to God’s saints follows what important commitments on our part? Why?
10. Isaiah 32:17, “The fruit of righteousness will be peace;” and Isaiah 48:22, “‘There is no peace,’ says the LORD, ‘for the wicked,’”. Give two extremes when it comes to peace. How have you seen the truth of these verses play out?
11. The third point in the sermon was that we experience peace when we trust God with the unknown. What unknowns are captivating your thoughts these days?
12. Read Isaiah 26:3 and Philippians 4:6-7. What is necessary for us to experience the peace of God? How are you doing with this?
13. Are there ways we can share with others about the Prince of Peace this Christmas season?
14. As your group closes, share an area in your life in which you’re struggling to find peace. Have group members pray for you.