

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Dec 7-8, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

The Arrival of Peace

(Luke 2:13-14)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Luke 2:13-14.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Describe what experiencing peace looks like to you?

How fully are you currently experiencing the peace you just described?

Pastor Alan described the peace talked about in the Bible as shalom and how this type of peace could be described as complete or whole.

In what ways does this description of peace match how you have defined peace up to this point in time?

In what ways, if any, is this type of peace different or more powerful than your typical description/expectation?

Isaiah prophesied a coming child (Jesus) as the “Prince of Peace” (Isa. 9:6-7) and Luke stated, “peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14)

Pastor Alan points out that Luke’s statement describes a peace that is, “accessible to all but that it is not automatically experienced.”

How fully are you experiencing Jesus as a bringer of peace?

Pastor Alan presents ways we can more fully experience shalom.

First, we can tap into the loving presence of Jesus (Matt. 1:22-23)

How fully are you experiencing Jesus being “with you?”

If you have used your imagination to experience Jesus’ presence, how has this gone?

If you have not tried this, what is holding you back and what could it look like to wade into this experience?

Second, we can wade more fully into the peace of Jesus’ reconciling blood. (Eph. 2:11-14)

What does it or could it look like to bring Jesus’ presence into strained relationships?

If you have done this in the past, how has it gone?

Are there any strained relationships in your current life that you are feeling called to bring Jesus into?

What could it look like to bring Jesus into these relationships?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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