

Real Peace
Peace in the World
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Isaiah 9:6-7

Shalom: the _____ that God intends for his creation

The world believes that peace comes through _____ and _____.

Christmas teaches us that peace comes through _____.

The world believes that peace comes through _____ **freedom**.

Christmas teaches us that peace comes through **freedom from** ____.

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. **John 14:27***

Discussion Question: How can you partner with God to bring peace in your world this Christmas?

Sermon questions

Our Christmas series, Real Peace, is about how we find the peace that we all long for in the story of Christmas. As you celebrate Christmas this year, think about the way that Jesus has brought peace into your life and how He invites you to partner with Him in bringing His peace to the world around you.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. What does the word peace mean to you? How does the biblical concept of *shalom* (peace, wholeness, completeness) differ from our English definition of peace?
2. Have someone read **Isaiah 9:6-7**. How does an understanding of *shalom* (translated as peace in the NIV) help you understand what it means that Jesus is the Prince of Peace?
3. Have someone read **John 14:25-27**. When you look at our world today, what are some of the ways you see the need for the *shalom* that Jesus came to offer?

4. As followers of Jesus with the Holy Spirit that He promised us, how can we **grow** in being a community that displays Jesus' *shalom* to the world around us?
5. What opportunities do you personally have right now to **go** and bring *shalom* to the chaotic world around you?

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Ezekiel 30-32; 1 Peter 4**
- **Ezekiel 33-34; 1 Peter 5**
- **Ezekiel 35-36; 2 Peter 1**
- **Ezekiel 37-39; 2 Peter 2**
- **Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3**
- **Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1**
- **Ezekiel 45-46; 1 John 2**