

# The Heart of Christmas

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## Week 2 | Peace on Earth

### BOTTOM LINE

Peace is a person and his name is Jesus.

### GOAL OF THE GROUP

To create meaningful conversation that stretches our faith and draws us closer to the heart of God. This guide is a suggestion. Adjust the questions as appropriate for your group.

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6-7 and John 16:33

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Finding peace when life is complicated can be exhausting. Can you think of a time in your life you longed to find peace? Share a brief story with your group.
2. What is peace to you? What part does God play in your definition of peace?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and John 16:33: Both of these describe Jesus as the only one who brings unending peace to a broken world. The book of Isaiah is prophecy written about the future redeemer of all mankind. The gospel of John is written to focus on what the events of Jesus' life actually mean. What do you see as you compare these two different passages about peace?
4. The root of every struggle is always the broken condition of the human heart.
  - a. Do you agree? Why or why not?
  - b. Jesus warns that we will have trials and sorrows. What would it mean to surrender to God in response to pursuing the peace of Jesus?
5. In what ways do you feel God has prompted you to bring peace into your local spheres of influence?

How can we find peace in places that are full of conflict, chaos and unrest? Our peace is not the absence of trouble, but in Jesus and what he has done to make our future certain.



## TRY THIS

*Think about a person in your life who is filled with God's peace. What are the characteristics of this person you want to mimic in your own life? What gifts, talents or passions has God created in you so that you can live out God's peace? Write down what comes to mind and ask God to help you take a new step in being a light of peace in this world.*