



GROW. PRAY. SERVE.

Series: ALL I NEED FOR CHRISTMAS

Message: "...is the Prince of Peace"



PRAYER: God of ever expanding love, we come today in worship and praise. We offer thanksgiving for your goodness and grace in our lives.

We bring ourselves to you, and with us all those who are in need. We remember those who suffer due to illness, war, poverty, estrangement, injustice or any other condition that steals the abundant life that you want for each of us. God of all creation, Spirit of redemption, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, now and forever. Make us ambassadors of your mercy everywhere we go. In the miraculous name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Who is the most peaceful person you know? Why do you feel that way about them?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. As a small group, read Isaiah 9:6. Peace is one of the most elusive things to acquire in life, do you think that's true? Why or why not?
2. Out of all the titles that could have been assigned to coming King, why do you think God gave him the title, "Prince of Peace?" What does this name tell us about the character of God?
3. Pastor Watson shared several areas of our lives where we need peace? What were they? Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever experienced significant conflict? How did you resolve it? What "best practices" would you suggest to your group members?

CHALLENGE: Take time this week to evaluate your own life and before the Christmas holiday, create your own "conflict" list. Resolve to take one step to eliminate any area of conflict in your life before Christmas. Pray that those involved will be receptive to God's love, peace and healing in a new and life-changing way.

SERVE: Spend time as a group reviewing your covenant with one another—how do you, how will you handle conflict in the group?

CHAMPION TIP: Being the "peace-keeper" is never an easy task. Pray for wisdom and grace to be able to hear each side without taking a side and to find a peaceful solution to every conflict that may arise.

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The purpose of this guide is to assist small groups in study.

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