



Sermon Discussion Guide

Advent Peace - Christian Lindbeck

December 18, 2022

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!

Hook - Getting to know one another



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- How is everyone doing this week?
- In your life, what kinds of things tend to rob you of your peace?
- Describe how you find your peace restored in spite of those things..

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- **Luke 2: 8 - 14**
What does this passage say about who peace comes to and how?
- **Luke 2: 21 -32**
How does Simeon define peace and what did he prophesy about the child?
- **Luke 2: 33 - 35**
What is the cost of peace?
- **Luke 2: 36 - 40**
Describe who Anna was and how her encounter with Mary and Joseph brought them peace.
- **Luke 2: 41 -52**
What did Mary treasure in her heart?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- Christian mentioned that the early Christ followers experienced peace because they were convinced that what was unfolding in Jesus, even including their pain, was part of a much bigger story that they participated in. In other words, it was peace rooted in Truth. The word peace (eirene) means right alignment. How does Romans 5:1 - 5 inform this definition of peace?



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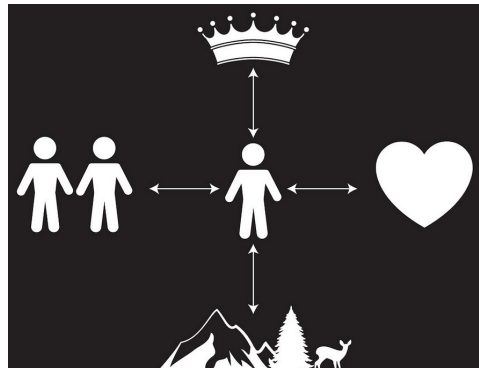
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Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say, or to do this week.

Describe this graphic, and then let the Holy Spirit bring to light what areas you need right alignment in to restore your sense of peace—a peace that is based on truth and the long scope.



Time of Prayer - as you are led and if you feel comfortable pray for peace—for right alignment for yourself with God, with others, with the creation, and with your own heart.