



The Price of Peace

December 3, 2017

1. Jesus is Our Peace – *Isaiah 9:6-7*

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. – John 14:27

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. – 2 Thessalonians 3:16


2. Jesus Makes a Way for Peace – *Philippians 2:5-11*

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

3. Jesus is Our Example for Peace – *Luke 9:23*

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

For reflection and small group discussion:

 **Read 1 Corinthians 14:26, and listen as your leader reviews the purpose of our gathering.**
Reflect on these verses which exhort us to pursue God's purpose as we gather in our cells.

Hearing from God Together - Worship. Spend a little time listening to a song, singing together, or reading a psalm. Have you heard from God this week? Is God giving you a word to share with an individual or your cell group?

 **Building Up One Another in the Word**

READ *Isaiah 9:6-7. As you read,*

REFLECT – Meditate on the passage and ask questions. What is the context of the passage? Enter into the Biblical scene in order to “see” the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. What are some words and phrases that the Holy Spirit is drawing my attention to? Do I know what the words and phrases mean? Do I understand what the Holy Spirit is saying through these verses?

RESPOND – What do you feel? Read this passage and look for how it speaks to your life. What specific situation in your life today relates to this passage? Are there beliefs, attitudes, or practices I need to adjust to deepen my relationship with Christ? Respond very specifically to what God has revealed to you in Scripture that speaks to your life. This is your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself to the presence of God.

REST – Read the passage again, but this time, rest in God's presence in what He has spoken to you about your life through Scripture. Simply rest in the fact that God has spoken to you. Worship God for speaking to you and find strength, encouragement and hope, knowing you have just heard God; you have come into experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

Reflection Questions

1. What does *peace* mean to you? How would you apply this word in a global context? How would you apply it in a personal context?
2. What are some words that are the opposite of peace?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What are some of the titles Isaiah gives Jesus 700 years before His birth? What is the significance of each title? How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy?
4. Read and compare John 14:27 and John 16:33 to Isaiah 9:6-7. How does Jesus reassure His disciples? What is He trying to tell them? What is He trying to tell us?
5. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What did Jesus do to bring peace to us? What did it cost Him?
6. Is there always a price for peace? Have you ever paid a price to have peace? Has someone ever paid a price to give you peace?
7. Read Luke 9:23. In this verse, does Jesus's words sound peaceful to you? How can taking up your cross daily bring peace to yourself and others?
8. We live in chaotic world; turmoil; systemic racism & injustice; violence; economic problems; wars; threats of wars – is there any peace? Is there any hope for peace?
9. This week, pray for peace for yourself, your family, your community, and the world. Pray specifically for each, and listen to the Holy Spirit as He guides you. How can you promote peace around you?

If you would like to be a part of a small group, called a T-Life Group, stop by the Information Center in the Village or contact us at TLifeGroups@NorthWoodChurch.org.



Share the name of someone you are praying for and with whom you desire to share Jesus. Have you seen any God activity in their life since you last met? Have you been *Bold as Love* in serving and sharing with them? Pray as a group that God would create circumstances in the person's life to make them open to receiving Jesus. Is any way you could show God's love to them as a T-Life Group? How are you serving OUT together as a T-Life Group?