

Dig Deeper @Home – “Deep Longings” Complement to lesson on 12/05/21 – “Peace”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. If you and a team of the people gathered could play football with a hockey puck or hockey with a football for a million dollars, which would you choose to have the best chance at winning?
2. If someone asked you to define peace... what would you say?

MEMORIZE – 1 Thessalonians 1: 9-10

“... how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come”

READ – Isaiah 11:1-10

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
 - a. What sticks out to you?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
 - c. How about anything you don't understand? Can anyone gathered (or someone you know) help provide clarity?
2. How do these verses bear witness about Jesus?

Check out these ties to Jesus, and read the corresponding verses to see the connection!

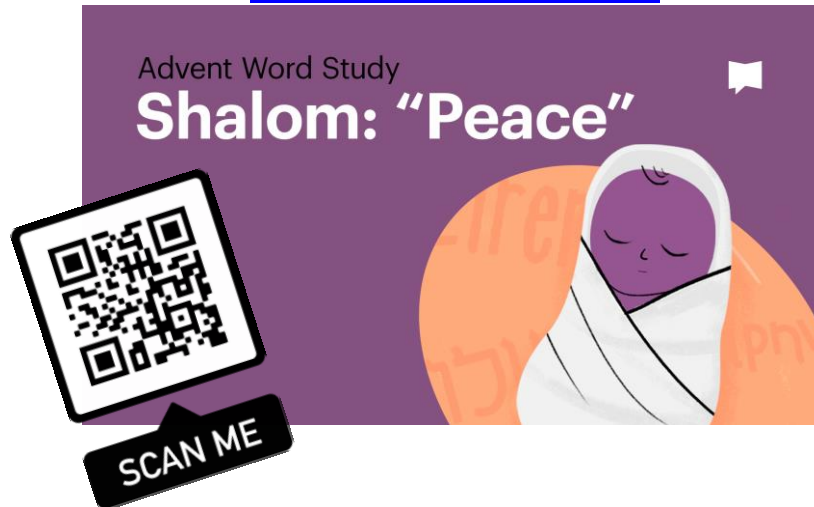
“Shoot from the stump of Jesse” (v.1)
(1 Samuel 17:12 / Matthew 1:1-17 / Psalm 132:11-12 / Jeremiah 23:5-6 / Romans 1:1-4)

“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him” (v.2)
(Luke 1:26-35 / Matthew 3:16-17 / John 3:35-36)
- 3) Verses 6-9 paint a beautiful picture of peace! In what ways do you need “The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6) to empower you to live at peace with others, at peace within yourself, and at peace with God?
- 4) Where in your life do you notice yourself “losing your peace?” How can we center ourselves on Jesus and find the peace he offers? (Hint: Psalm 119:165-168 , Philippians 4:6-9 , Galatians 5:22-25)

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Bringing peace where you live, work, and play

Take a few minutes to watch the Bible Project’s Word Study on “Shalom” (Peace).

<https://youtu.be/oLYORLZOaZE>



Brainstorm what ways you may be called to restore that which is broken in your areas of influence!

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

How Great Is Your Love - <https://youtu.be/aghGgyqrnI>

O Come O Come Emmanuel - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=draHA_9MS18

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Mennonite Hymnal #534

Listen: We The Kingdom – Peace <https://youtu.be/DoL2W9MuA9k>

Listen: Memphis May Fire – The Answer <https://youtu.be/8HQSZ-n6teM>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

May you know and experience the peace of the LORD as you seek Him, trust Him and follow Him this week. As you go, bring the good news and proclaim peace to those where you live, work and play.