

Connect Group Guide: WK 26 The Whole Story-Peace

Read: Luke 2:8–14

Peace on Earth = Peace with God.

Christmas peace isn't about everything going right in the world or in our relationships—it's about being made right with God through Jesus, the Light of the World. Even when life is hard and messy, that peace doesn't change because it's rooted in what Christ has done, not in our circumstances. This Christmas, we're invited to remember the gospel, turn back to Jesus, and live out of the steady, lasting peace we already have with God.

Opening:

When you hear the word peace, what do you usually think of first—world events, personal calm, or relationships? Why do you think that's our default?

Discussion Questions:

1. The angels announce “Peace on earth,” yet Jesus later says He did not come to bring peace but division (Luke 12:51–53). How does understanding peace with God help resolve that tension?
2. Luke 21:9 reminds us that wars and chaos will continue. How does this truth challenge the idea that Jesus came to fix the world politically or socially right now?
3. According to Luke 1:77–79, peace is connected to forgiveness of sins and being guided into a new way of life. How have you personally experienced peace after forgiveness rather than before it?
4. Romans 5:1 says we have peace with God through justification by faith. How is peace with God different from feeling calm or stress-free in daily life?
5. Romans 5:8–10 says we were enemies of God before Christ reconciled us. Why is it important to understand our former position before we can fully appreciate God’s peace?
6. If peace with God is the foundation, how should that shape the way we respond when there is conflict, division, or anxiety around us?
7. Where are you most tempted to look for peace apart from God—politics, relationships, control, comfort, or success?
8. What does it look like to surrender that area to Christ?
9. This Christmas season, how can you intentionally live out the truth that you already have peace with God, even if everything around you feels unsettled?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for making peace with us through Jesus. Ask Him to help us stop chasing temporary peace and instead live confidently from the peace we already have with Him.

Announcements:

- KK Christmas Party this Sunday during KK! Kids can wear Christmas PJ's or an ugly Christmas sweater. (Adults can participate as well).
- KK Connectors--don't forget to pick up your Christmas ornament from the Bullens at the Tech Bar. We GREATLY appreciate your service in KK this year!