

Isaiah

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

DECEMBER 12



Sermon Outline

Key verse

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus brings peace to those who trust him.

1. Upward – Peace with God

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you.

Colossians 1:20-21

2. Inward – Peace within

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Colossians 3:15

3. Outward – Peace with others

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18

PRINCE OF PEACE

Opening Thought

The birth of Christ means that peace has entered into our chaotic world. He brings hope into our struggle and brings calm into our chaos. The peace of Jesus is three-fold: upward (Peace with God), inward (Peace within), and outward (Peace with others).

Ice breaker

- What are some of your family traditions that you look forward to each Christmas?

Discussion

- Read Isaiah 9:6. How does a child born for us differ from a son given to us?
- If the baby born at Christmas is the Prince of Peace, what does that mean for you if he is in charge of your life?
- Read Philippians 4:6-7. What things do you tend to worry about? How might the peace of God guard our hearts?
- John shared three ways that we experience the peace of God. Which one has had the most impact on you in 2021?
- How would you like to experience peace this Christmas season?

Closing

- Ask the Lord to give you peace by trusting him completely and walking in obedience to him in this season. Remember that the birth of Christ means Jesus brings peace to those who trust him.

For Further Study

- Check out the MCA resource *125 Prophecies About the Messiah in the Book of Isaiah*.
- Read Judges 6:1-24 to learn how God brought peace to his people through Gideon.