

Advent
Prince of Peace
Sunday, December 18, 2022

Isaiah 9: 2-7 NIV

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy; they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

1. **Peace is a Knowing.** There is an assurance in knowing Jesus personally. Do you know He is with you always?
2. **Peace Manifests When We Involve Jesus.** Where are you lacking peace in your life? Could you invite Jesus into that part of your life? Can you trust Him more with that part of your life?

Conclusion: Jesus is our Prince of Peace. He came to lead a broken world to a place where we could be made whole again. That wholeness becomes more evident as we grow more aware of who Jesus is, and His abiding presence in us. Let us fix our gaze on our Prince of Peace and feel His peace wash over us.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Prince of Peace
Week of December 18- December 24, 2022

Ice Breaker: What is your peace dependent on?

Read Isaiah 9: 2-7.

1. What were people walking in? (v.2)
2. What emerged? What did they see? (v.2)
3. What was the reaction of the people at seeing the Light? (v.3)
4. What did the Light do for them? (v.4) How can Light do this for you?
5. Spiritually, what were the people yoked to? Who was their oppressor?
6. Read v. 5, what is this prophecy foretelling?
7. Who is this prophecy about? Who is the child mentioned? (v.6)
8. What is His position of leadership? (v.6)
9. What are His names? (v.6) What is the significance of each name?
10. What do we learn about His impact and authority? (v.7) How might this truth fill you with peace in times the world doesn't make sense?
11. Whose throne does He reign on? Why is this important? What did God promise King David? Read 2 Samuel 7:16, Luke 1: 32-33.
12. How do we know we can believe and trust this prophecy? (v.7)
13. How does this prophecy encourage you in your faith?
14. Have you encountered Jesus according to the qualities given in these names? How so?
15. Read Acts 10:36. Do you know the message of good news of peace through Jesus Christ? *Do you know Him personally?* Do you find rest in this good news? *Do you choose to rest in this good news?*
16. What distracts you from remembering this good news?
17. Read John 14:27. What should we focus on that we have within us?
18. Read Philippians 4: 6-7 and Romans 8:6. How do we stay in tune and focused on the peace of Christ flowing within us? What should we do daily?
19. What keeps you from seeking and listening to the Holy Spirit in your days? Would you like to hear from Him more?
20. Do you believe God desires lasting peace for you? Will you heed His instruction and counsel so you might receive His peace?

Point to ponder: As we remember the government and all the world rests on His mighty shoulders, we can look to Jesus, trusting He cares for us in every way. We can rest in His peace that is ever flowing within.