

## Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Message

### The Prince of Peace: Isaiah 9:6-7

#### *Advent Week #2: Peace*

1. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and reminisce about past Christmas seasons and how verses such as this, specific hymns, or any other traditions have helped nurture your faith or create fond memories.
2. What do you think that the title “Prince of Peace” means when referring to Jesus?
2. Why do you think that the idea of peace is associated with Christmas and Christ’s birth?
3. Considering one concept of peace being *completion*, or *wholeness*, how might this change or add to your answer from question 2?  
*Read Isaiah 53:5 and replace the word “peace” with “completion”*
4. Knowing that Jesus has completed your faith (Hebrews 12:2), why does it matter that you continue growing in your faith? If it is complete, what more can you add? *Hint: think about your position with God versus your progression in spiritual maturity.*
5. Read Isaiah 26:3 as a group and talk about the benefits of this truth.
6. Read Philippians 4:4-9. The promise of peace is mentioned twice throughout these passages in both verses 7 and 9. Reading the preceding verses, 4-6 and 8, what is your responsibility in order to obtain this promise of peace?
7. What do you need to change, add to, or incorporate into your life in order to have godly, lasting peace as mentioned in the previous scriptures from Philippians?
8. As a group, sing together or recite the following Christmas hymn:

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Phillips Brooks, 1868

Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.  
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!