

## **The Gift of Peace**

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Discussion Questions

1. Talk about an experience you've had with something you thought would be easy to do but actually took you a lot of effort and time to accomplish.
2. Read Luke 2:11-14 and Romans 5:1. How does Paul explain the angel's pronouncement of peace in light of what Jesus has done?
3. What is the significance of "justification"? What has God done for us?
4. What expectations did you have about how your life would change when you became a follower of Jesus? Have you been disappointed by anything that has or hasn't happened to you?
5. Define "worldliness" and "fleshliness." How do these things impact the peace we experience in Christ? What are the most pronounced remnants of worldliness and fleshliness in your life?
6. Read Philippians 4:8-9. What does it mean to be "anxious"? How does Paul say we address our anxiety?
7. How does a person "pray with thanksgiving"?
8. Read Philippians 4:8-9. Why does Paul say the practice of truth, honor, justice, purity, lovely etc. produce peace in us?
9. Apply Philippians 4:8-9 to how we should think about and behave relative to:
  - Relationships – marriage or dating
  - Work
  - Sexuality
10. What specific areas addressed in Philippians 4:8-9 do you need to focus on developing in your life? How will you go about doing so?