



MESSAGE SERIES
CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Part 2
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BRIDGEPOINT CHURCH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

This guide is designed to assist you in creating a space for genuine connection and conversation within your Life Group. Don't feel pressured to address every question each week. Rather, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you lead your group in uncovering what God intends to communicate to you all.

The guide comprises three sections: **Loving**, **Learning**, and **Living**. Each section aims to steer your conversation towards meaningful discussions about spiritual growth, both as individuals and as members of the body of Christ.

LOVING

Dedicate the first few moments together to connecting and growing as a group (approx. 10-15 minutes). Go around the group, allowing enough space for each person to respond to at least one of these questions.

How have you seen God at work in your life since the last time we met?

What has been one high and one low since the last time we met?

How did you do with living out what we talked about last time we met?

Before moving on, take a moment to stop and pray together, and for one another. Collect prayer requests from the group and commit to praying for them throughout the following week.

LEARNING

The majority of the group discussion is devoted to open dialogue, reflecting on God's Word and its personal application to each of our lives (approx. 60-75 min).

The **BIG** Idea: Christmas is God's invitation to lasting peace in Jesus—a peace that heals hearts and restores brokenness.

Read Isaiah 9:6-7 together as a group.

Prophecies of the birth of a divine ruler, Jesus, who will bring eternal peace, justice, and righteousness as the Prince of Peace and fulfill God's promise to establish His kingdom forever.

Isaiah described Jesus as the "Prince of Peace." How does this title resonate with you personally, and in what areas of your life do you long for the kind of peace Jesus offers?

Tyler mentioned how we often carry labels tied to our brokenness (e.g., failure, insecurity). What "mantles" or labels do you find yourself carrying, and how can you begin to exchange them for the identity Christ offers?

The sermon contrasted the peace Jesus offers with the fleeting peace we often seek in circumstances. How do you define true peace, and how does this differ from what the world provides?

Have you ever run ahead of God's plans or made a big decision without talking with God first? How did that work out for you?

Read Luke 2:14, John 14:27, and Ephesians 2:17 together as a group.

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Thomas Merton stated, "We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God." How can this truth shape how you approach relationships, conflicts, or personal struggles during this Christmas season?

LIVING

This week, take intentional steps to embrace and reflect the peace that Jesus offers. Start by identifying one area of your life where you've been holding onto brokenness, whether it's a past failure, a strained relationship, or a source of anxiety. Spend time each day in prayer or reflection, asking God to help you release that burden and replace it with His wholeness and peace. Then, look for a practical way to share that peace with someone else—this could be through reconciliation, offering encouragement, or simply being a calming presence in a stressful situation. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Let this week be a journey of both receiving and giving the peace of Christ.

