

Sermon Guide

Light of the World Part 2- Peace in the Darkness

Big Idea: Peace isn't an absence of problems, it's the presence of Jesus.

Isaiah 9:2-7

2The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness,a light will shine. 3You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. 4For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian. 5The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire. 6For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Three Ways Jesus Brings Peace to Your Life

- 1. Peace of mind (internal)** (John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7)
- 2. Peace to relationships (relational)** (Ephesians 2:14, 17-18)
- 3. Peace about my future (eternal)** (Romans 5:1)

John 8:12

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

How do I experience more peace in my life?

- 1. Turn down the noise and tune into what God is saying**
- 2. Trust that Jesus does the heavy lifting (surrender)**
- 3. Worship and spend time in God's presence**
- 4. Be still**

Discussion Questions

1. What did having peace mean to you before you heard this message?
2. What are some strategies you've tried to find peace that didn't work?
3. Of the 3 ways that Jesus brings peace, which do you need the most?
4. Challenge: Which one of the 4 ways to experience more peace will you choose to do for 2021?