

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaways:

1. Sin creates a chasm of conflict between us and God that we cannot bridge ourselves
2. Jesus came specifically to reconcile us to God and offer true peace (shalom - wholeness)
3. Biblical peace means being made whole and complete, not merely the absence of conflict
4. Sometimes we must address conflict directly in order to find true peace
5. We should be people who both live in Christ's peace and share that peace with others
6. Christ's presence in our struggles changes our perspective, even when troubles remain

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the biblical concept of "shalom" (wholeness/completeness) differ from our typical understanding of peace as the absence of conflict?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus said He came to bring "a sword" rather than immediate peace? (Matthew 10:34-36)
3. Jason mentioned that strife can be "all-consuming." When have you experienced this in your own life?
4. The sermon described two groups: those in conflict with God who haven't accepted His peace, and those who have accepted it but don't fully live in it. Which group do you identify with most right now?
5. What awakened you to your need for peace with God?
6. What does it mean that "peace isn't about the absence of trouble, but about the presence of Christ in our struggles"?

Practical Applications:

1. Address Conflict
 - Identify a relationship where there is unresolved tension or conflict
 - Schedule a time this week to have an honest, grace-filled conversation
 - Prepare your heart through prayer beforehand
 - Focus on listening and understanding, not just being heard
2. Share Peace
 - Invite someone who doesn't know Jesus to share a meal or coffee
 - Be intentional about being a "person of peace" to them
 - Look for opportunities to share how Christ has brought peace to your life



Sermon Notes

Dec 7, 2025

The Gifts of Christmas: Peace

Key Scripture:

Luke 2:8-14

Matthew 10:34-36



The _____ word for peace is _____.

Jesus came to _____ the _____ of _____ between us and God.

We need to be _____ of _____ that bring about _____.

Peace isn't the _____ of _____, but the presence of Christ in our _____.

Application:

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