

# The Journey to Peace

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Psalm 122 (Advent week 2)

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## Snapshot:

True peace is experienced with the unity of believers in the presence of the Lord.

I. Journey to Peace

II. Place of Peace

III. Pray for Peace

## Checking in

*Anything you want to share from your time in the Word this week?*

*How can the group be praying for/with you?*

## Connecting

*How does knowing that the word for peace . . . shalom . . . means many pieces working together in unity help you have a deeper understanding of the Gospel story?*

## Study

### Point 1: Journey to Peace

READ: Psalm 122:1

REFLECT: Take your time reflecting on Psalm 122:1. Who is involved in this journey? Where are they and where are they going? What emotion does this journey provoke and why? How does this verse communicate the importance of both the personal and corporate elements of the journey?

RESPOND: How do you find yourself on the journey to peace? How are you helping others travel that journey? Do you find yourself glad/rejoicing in the fellowship of others as you travel the Christian life together? How so?

### Point 2: Place of Peace

READ: Psalm 122:2–5; Ephesians 2:14–22

REFLECT: How does the city of Jerusalem communicate peace? How is Jerusalem a picture of the church today? How does Paul connect the church with this picture of a unified/peaceful city?

RESPOND: What does it look like for you to contribute to the peaceful unity of the church? What are some things that work against our peace as a church?

### **Point 3: Pray for Peace**

READ: Psalm 122:6–9

REFLECT: What are the different elements of David’s prayer in these verses?

RESPOND: Take time to pray for the peace of the church from these verses.

### **Memorizing**

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! ‘May they be secure who love you!’” (Psalm 122:6)

### **Preparing for next week**

**Read:** Psalm 122 (Advent Week 3 - Joy)

**Ask:** questions of the text

**Pray:** through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.