

Sermon Notes: Choosing Peace in a World of Fear

Key Scripture

Isaiah 2:1–5

Key Idea

Isaiah invites us to imagine God's future of peace so clearly that we begin living toward it now. Daily acts of peacemaking shape us into people who walk in God's light.

1. Why Imagination Matters

- Faith requires childlike openness
- Scripture shapes us through images, not just commands
- Imagination helps us see God's character, understand the Christian life, and hear God's call

2. The World as It Is

- Fear dominates our culture
- Fear narrows our vision and hardens our reactions
- Isaiah names this reality honestly

3. The World as God Intends

- Nations come to learn God's ways
- Swords become plowshares—violence becomes life-giving
- Peace is God's work, already begun in Christ

4. The Kingdom Choice

- We choose which world we'll live for each day
- Peace requires trust, not retaliation
- Isaiah calls us to walk in the light now

5. Spiritual Formation: From Swords to Pruning Hooks

- God reshapes our inner life through grace
- Our anger, resentment, and fear can be transformed
- Peacemaking practices reshape our character

Today's Invitation

Walk in the light of the Lord. Practice peace. Trust Christ's already-begun work.