

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Peace Train || Pastor Brian Zahnd || August 25, 2019

1. Cat Stevens opens "Peace Train" with these lines: <i>Now I've been happy lately thinking about the good things to come.</i> What good things do you see on the horizon for you personally or for society in general?
2. Finish this sentence: The world could live more at peace if
Read Isaiah 2:2-4 and 9:1-7

- 3. What does it look like for the mountain of the Lord's house to be the highest of all mountains?
- 4. What good things does Isaiah 2:2-4 give you to look forward to?
- 5. What does Isaiah 9:1-7 forecast about the kingdom of Jesus?
- 6. Which title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 stands out to you? Explain.
- 7. The early Christians believed they lived in the kingdom of Christ, a kingdom of endless peace. Why do some Christians today struggle to apply the peace teachings of Jesus?
- 8. What are the problems with assuming ALL of the work, power, and authority of the kingdom of Jesus is coming in the future?
- 9. St. Francis befriended the Sultan of Egypt during a time of fighting between Christians and Muslims. How is friendship a way to work for the things that make for peace?
- 10. Pastor Brian said, "Jesus blesses the peacemakers, not the warmongers. The followers of the Lamb are called to wage peace. Christians are called to live out the kingdom of Christ here and now." What things can you do to work for the things that make for peace in your little part of the world?