



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16. When are you most easily "at peace?" When is it most difficult for you to experience peace? What things contribute to the level of peace you experience?
3. Are there conflicts or relationships in your life right now that you feel will never be at peace? What are they? Why do you think peace is so impossible with those people/situations? What, if anything, would our passage bring to bear on those situations/relationships?
4. Where is your most peaceful place? What makes it so peaceful for you? How can you invite Jesus into the painful, chaotic and upsetting parts of your life instead of just the peaceful parts?
5. Advent is about celebrating and preparing oneself for the second coming of Christ. Does the second coming of Jesus give you a sense of peace or unrest? Why or why not? What things do you need to do so that the return of Christ brings you to the peace it is meant to give?
6. Is there someone you need to make peace with? Who is it? What efforts can you make this week so that you bring down the dividing wall between you and the person with whom you need to make peace?
7. Read Philippians 4:6-7. What are you most anxious about this Advent season? What are some ways you can remind yourself that God is near? That his hand is outstretched, offering to guard your heart with His peace?
8. Read John 16:33. Jesus predicted that Christian people would experience Big T trouble in the world. What trouble are you experiencing? How does knowing "Jesus has overcome the world" help you face that trouble with peace in your heart?
9. With whom and how can you share God's peace with this Christmas season? Will you do that?
10. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?