Taylor Road Baptist Church

Family & Small Group Worship Guide



Worship

2nd Week of Advent - PEACE

"For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Armies will accomplish this."

(Isaiah 9:6-7, CSB)

"Suddenly there was multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!" (Luke 2:13-14, CSB)

Meditation

Jesus is sent by the Father to bring peace between God and man. We are caught up in struggle, strife, and sin. Jesus doesn't come, however, to smooth over our conflicts. Nor does he come with armed might to force us to lay down our arms. Rather, he comes to die for the sins that lie at the heart of our rebellion against him.

The Prince of Peace takes upon himself our sins and unrest. As Isaiah put it, "the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5b, NIV).

To receive his peace this Christmas, come to him in surrender and, through this act of faith, receive his grace of forgiveness and shalom (peace).

Under the Wings of God

Ruth 2:1-23

- 1) Read Ruth chapter 2:1-4. What do we learn about Boaz (whose name means "Standing is strength"). Who is he and how is he described?
- 2) "Read Leviticus 19:9-10; 23:22; and Deuteronomy 24:19-22 and describe the Old Testament law pertaining to land owners and how this law affected Ruth's right to glean.
- 3) What do these laws tell us about God's heart for the poor, foreigner, and widow?
- 4) We see in vs. 3 the phrase "as it turned out" or just so "happened". Do you believe that things "just happen" in the life of the Believer?" Why?
- 5) How was Ruth's response to Boaz in vs. 10 an example for us to follow in our response to Jesus?
- 6) How did Boaz' deep commitment and love for God shape his kindness that overflowed to others?



"May the Lord reward you for what you have done, and may you receive a full reward from the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

- 7) What does it mean to take refuge under the wings of God?
- 8) Why does God show grace to those who take refuge in Him? Do you believe we can forfeit God's grace?
- 9) Talk about some ways that you are intentionally finding ways to extend the kindness of God to others.

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

This week, sing and worship along with this song, "O, Come All You Unfaithful" by Sovereign Grace..

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