



# PEACE

## *Peace & Spirit*

**The peace of  
Christ calls us to  
walk by the Spirit.**

### SERIES SUMMARY

Through Advent, the teaching in our large group gatherings is titled “Tidings of *Discomfort* and Joy.” It’s a nod to the reality that joy is often found on the other side of our willingness to embrace discomfort & risk, as seen in the Christmas story itself!

In our small group gatherings, we’ll explore the other side of that coin: “Unless and until we rest in God, we will never risk for God” (Mark Buchanan).

Together this Christmas, we’ll see that peace and joy can be found in unexpected circumstances.

### ICEBREAKER

When was the last time you got good & lost while going somewhere?

### SCRIPTURE

Read about Simeon, a Spirit-filled man who met Jesus in Luke 2:25-35.



## LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Of Simeon, the Scripture says:
  - A. The Holy Spirit was upon him. What does that tell you?
  - B. The Holy Spirit revealed to him. Have you experienced that?
  - C. He came in the Spirit. How does one do things in the Spirit?
2. Peace is said to be a fruit of the Spirit, something the Spirit produces. Who do you know that displays this fruit well?

## EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

3. In what types of situations do you find it most difficult to maintain peace?
4. How have you experienced the Spirit enabling inner peace in the midst of turmoil or tension?
5. What unresolved questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

## WRITING A NEW STORY

6. What might our role be in giving the Spirit space to form us into people of non-anxious presence?
7. How does someone go about learning to walk in the Spirit?
8. And how might such a habit change the way you relate to others, particularly during periods of stress?

## TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Father, thank you for the gift of the Spirit; comforting us, strengthening us, giving us all that we need. Amen.

