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Jesus, Prince of Peace

He will be called

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Sticky Statement: Focus on the powerful promises of the prince of peace.

Passage: Isaiah 9:1-7

We all feel the pressure of anxiousness and fear

-Conflict in relationships | -Threats to security, comfort, status
-Threat of living a dissatisfying life story | -Politics and news!

How can we have peace today?

1. Problem: _____ stories keep us from peace.

After hearing about the threat of war, “the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.”—Isaiah 7:2b

King Ahaz felt powerless hearing the bad news. But the wrong path he took in response was truly powerless.

Not just what about, but *why* do we feel anxious?

-Surface symptoms point to a deeper drive
-Deeper drives hide long-term pain and sinful desires

Clarity on the “story” underneath our anxiousness takes time, hard work, vulnerability, and shifts over time

2. Solution: Jesus’ powerful promises provide his people with _____, forever and today.

Isaiah 9:1-7, and God’s ultimate, future, forever promises.

There’s a powerful, real sense in which Jesus has already brought his Kingdom—the Church—to earth, and has given us access to enjoy his promised blessings today. So speaking truly means speaking about others as Jesus does.

3. _____ on the powerful promises of the Prince of Peace.

Spend *time* letting God shape you in the Bible and prayer.

Five steps out of anxiousness, into courageous faithfulness

1. Worship

- Put God in the center, savor the fact that He's King

2. Pray

- Connect to God's heart, Pray for his power!

3. Patient Learning & Listening

- Keep a curious posture, Learn from others

4. Self Examination

- What role might I have to play in this situation?
- What am I feeling as I consider this, and why?

5. Humbly informed, faithful, bold action

Do the Word

- Take a situation you feel anxious about, and follow the above five steps this week.
- Begin a realistic daily Bible-reading rhythm, and read prayerfully and spiritually. Find one person you see on Sundays to check in with, sharing wins and struggles.
- Come pray with us next week before service at 9am, or today (or any Sunday) after service!
- If there's an anxious unresolved situation on your heart that you've wronged someone in, bring this before the Lord and, with a tender heart, apologize to that person.



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