

# Christ Our Peace

## LUKE 2:8-14

*Big Idea: Jesus did not simply bring peace; He is our peace.*

### **GOD'S PEACE COMES TO THE UNLIKELY** vv. 8-10

- Why do you think God chose to announce the birth of Christ to shepherds and how does this reflect God's pattern throughout Scripture of drawing near to the lowly? (e.g. 1 Samuel 16:11-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31)
- In what ways does God bringing peace to the "unlikely" teach us about God's goodness and grace? Who in your life might God be calling you to bring peace to, especially during this Christmas season?
- How does peace coming to the shepherds help us understand Advent as a season where God meets us in humility? (e.g. Philippians 2:6-8) How should this shape the way we approach Christmas?

### **GOD'S PEACE COMES ONLY THROUGH CHRIST** v. 11

- In Luke 2:11, the angel uses three titles: Savior, Christ, and Lord. Which of these titles most clearly connects to the idea of peace, and why? (consider Matthew 1:21; Isaiah 9:6)
- Romans 5:1 says we have "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." How does understanding Jesus as your Savior and Lord help you rest in His peace rather than striving to earn it? Where in your life do you struggle to trust His peace? (e.g. John 14:27)
- How does the announcement "A Savior is born" deepen your anticipation of Christmas, not as a holiday, but as God's redemptive mission to bring peace to sinners? (e.g. Luke 19:10; Romans 10:14-17)

### **GOD'S PEACE COMES TO TRANSFORM EVERYTHING** v. 14

- The angels declare "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace...". How does this verse show that peace begins vertically, with God, and then flows horizontally into the world? (e.g. Colossians 1:19-20)
- Philippians 4:7 speaks of "the peace of God" guarding our hearts. Where do you most need God's peace to guard you right now? What practical steps help you fix your mind on Christ when life feels unpeaceful? (e.g. Philippians 4:8-9)
- Advent anticipates a day when Christ will return and fully restore peace on earth. (e.g. Revelation 21:3-5) How does this future hope reshape the way you respond to today's trials?