Small Group Notes December 14, 2025

Speaker: Daniel Self

Topic: Christmas Advent - Peace

Main Idea

True peace is not the absence of chaos around us, but the presence of Christ within us. Jesus entered a broken, noisy world to bring an unshakeable peace to our hearts—and through us, to others.

Introduction

- What stood out most do you from Sunday's sermon?
- When you hear the word peace, what images or feelings come to mind?
- How do those compare to what this season actually feels like?
- Pastor Daniel said, "You can stand in the most peaceful place on earth and still not have peace in your heart."
- Why do you think peace can be so elusive, even when life looks calm on the outside?

Read: Isaiah 9:6 and Luke 2:8-14

- What stands out to you about how and where peace entered the world that first Christmas night?
- What does it say about God's nature that He chose to bring His peace into a chaotic, noisy, and messy world?
- This is good news. What does this tell us about how God can bring peace into your own circumstances?

Read: Romans 5:1 and Philippians 4:6-7

- According to these verses, what's the difference between "peace with God" and the "peace of God"?
- Pastor Daniel said, "Peace doesn't mean everything around me is going my way it means being divinely resourced so that my heart is deeply rooted."
- How do you see that playing out in your own life or relationships?
- What practices help you keep your mind and heart anchored in God's peace when life feels stormy?

Read: Colossians 3:15 and Matthew 5:9

- What does it mean to "let the peace of Christ rule" in your heart?
- Jesus called us peacemakers, not peacekeepers.
- What's the difference? Use a real life example.
- How can you bring peace into a conflict or relationship instead of avoiding it?
- Where might God be calling you to be a peacemaker this week in your family, workplace, or community this Christmas season?

Read: Ephesians 2:14 and John 14:27

- What does it mean that "He Himself is our peace"?
- How does knowing Jesus is peace not just the giver of peace change how you approach worry, stress, or anxiety?

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• How can your presence, filled with His peace, change the atmosphere of your home this Christmas?

Take Home

- This Christmas, don't chase peace receive it.
 - Where do you need Jesus to speak "Peace, be still" over your mind, heart, life, or circumstances?
- Ask God each morning this week:
 - o "Lord, let Your peace fill me and flow through me today. Make me a peacemaker."