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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: CHRISTMAS PROMISES: PEACE
Key Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7
Recorded Sermon:
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Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr – December 8th, 2024

Starter:
What's one thing that instantly makes you feel at peace—like a cozy cup of tea, a favorite song, or a quiet walk? Today's sermon notes focus on peace and on Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Discussion:

1. In Isaiah 9:6, Jesus is described with four unique titles. Which title resonates most with you, and why?

2. How does Isaiah 9:6 reveal both the humanity and deity of Jesus?

3. In 2 Samuel 7:13-16, God promises that Jesus will reign on David's throne forever. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus' reign is eternal and unshakable, no matter what's happening in the world?

4. Isaiah 9:7 speaks of Christ's everlasting government and peace. How can this prophecy shape your perspective on the challenges in our world today?

5. Discuss the significance of Luke 2:13-14? What do you do during a trial? Have you ever noticed how worship or gratitude can shift your focus and bring peace?

6. What is the difference between being at war with God vs. being at peace with God? What is the significance of Romans 5:1?

7. Philippians 4:6-7 describes the peace of God guarding our hearts and minds. How can prayer and thanksgiving help you overcome anxiety?

8. Read John 14:27. How is peace from God different than ‘peace’ that the world can give?

9. Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:18 and Romans 14:19, encourages us to live at peace with others. How important is forgiveness when it comes to peace?

10. Acts 10:36 speaks of proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ. Who in your life needs to hear about this peace, and how can you share it with them?

Reflection:
May you experience peace with God, and peace with others. May God help us to proclaim His peace to this broken country and world, bringing hope and healing where it’s needed most.