



PRINCE OF PEACE

ISAIAH 9:6

GETTING STARTED

Every Christmas we sing “Peace on Earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.” Here is perhaps the best definition of what Peace actually looks like. While most often when we refer to peace, we are describing the absence of conflict or just a lack of noise. True genuine peace is found in reconciliation with God. This was something that God had promised from the very beginning of creation, as he took a Sabbath “rest” with his people on the 7th day of creation. God rested; he was at peace with his creation that was destroyed by the entrance of sin into the world. Yet, the good news of Christmas is that God entered into this world to bring peace! That we would be sinners reconciled with God through the coming of a child. This child would be the Prince of Peace!

READ THE TEXT: ISAIAH 9:6

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. How is "Peace" talked about in the Bible? (see for examples: Isaiah 26:3, Ephesians 2:13-17, Jeremiah 16:5)
2. Putting all the names that we have talked about together, what is the full description of this coming child mean to point us towards?

APPLY THE TEXT

3. How are we called to imitate the example of Jesus as the Prince of Peace? How are we to pursue peace in our relationships? With God?
4. What are the areas in your life where you do not have peace? Why? How does the message of the gospel impact how we ought to view those areas where we don't have peace? Is there something to repent of? Something to entrust to God?

SHARE & PRAY

1. As we walk through the Advent season, take time to work through our Advent guide and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.
2. This has been a different year than what we expected, so let's take some time to pray and share the light of the gospel in a dark season. Pray that God would give us his everlasting peace this Christmas!

