

STUDY GUIDE WEEK 3 - PEACE FOR OUR WORLD

Primary Passages: Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 2:13-20

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and discord cease,
Fill the whole earth with Heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*“We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with
ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are
not at peace with God.”*

- Thomas Merton

LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE:

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Isaiah 11:1-10 and Luke 2:13-20** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

Reread Luke 2:13-14. Why is the angels' proclamation of peace on earth such a welcome greeting?

Where do you see needed peace in the following areas:

- Within yourself. Where are you marked by fear, anxiety and other inner conflicts?

- Relationally within your family, roommates or friend group?
- Professionally in your workplace?
- Communally in your neighborhood/town/city?
- Globally?

Reread Isaiah 11:9. How does the earth being full of the knowledge of the Lord lead to peace?

- Think of specific ways that Jesus has and/or can bring peace to all of the areas of needed peace you just talked through.

Reread Luke 2:10, 13-14 and 20. What does it look like for us to join Jesus in bringing peace on earth by proclaiming His goodness? Who are people God has put around us that we can offer peace to in word and deed?

Pray that we would be a people who see God's peace triumphing over our sin and reigning in our lives and relationships.

Pray that we would be a family who sees and takes opportunities to extend this peace to others.