

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Is it possible for someone who doesn't have the peace of Jesus Christ living inside of them to be an authentic peace advocate? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. About 700 years before Christ was born into this world, the Prophet Isaiah predicted what kind of Savior Jesus would be. Please read Isaiah 9:1-6. What is the context of this prophecy?

Compare with Isaiah 7:1-2

3. What does the title, "Prince of Peace" mean to you?

Compare with John 14:27. How is this peace different from peace this world generates? (Peace is mentioned about 429 times in the bible. There is false peace, inner peace, peace with God and peace with others).

4. The last part of John 14:27 says there are two conditions of our heart that will prevent us from knowing the peace of Jesus Christ.
 - a. What are those conditions?
 - b. How do these two conditions differ from each other? Give examples.
5. What do you think about Thomas Merton's quote? "Man is not at peace with his fellow man because he is not at peace with himself; he is not at peace with himself, because he is not at peace with God."
6. According to Romans 5:1, how did Christ create peace?

What does "justified" mean?

7. What does Paul the apostle encourage believers to do in Romans 12:18?
 - a. Does this apply to you? What does this effort look like?
 - b. Who initiates it?
 - c. What's your responsibility?

8. According to Philippians 4:6-7, what should you do when you find yourself worrying? What are the two things that's recommended as an outline?
 - a. According to verse 7, what is the result? What do the words "exceeds anything we can understand" mean to you? (Share your version)

 - b. Are there examples in your life when you had peace, even when it didn't make sense?

 - c. According to verse 7, what will His peace do for your heart and mind?

9. Memorize Isaiah 26:3. It's good!

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Jesus is the Prince of Peace...That means He is LORD, He's in CHARGE, He is our GENERAL...and He brings REST, and WHOLENESS, and COMPLETENESS.

- When you find Jesus Christ, you have PEACE WITH YOURSELF.

- The presence of God is enough.