

Peace on Earth Message 3

Perry Duggar December 20, 2020

# Outline

"... peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Luke 2:14 (NLT)

# A. Introduction

(Luke 1: 78-79; 2:8-14)

# B. The path of peace includes...

1. Reconciliation with \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 2:28-32; Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Colossians 1:19-22) Restoration with \_\_\_\_\_\_.
(Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:13; Hebrews 12:14; James 4:1-4)

3. Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 26:3; Micah 5:5; John 14:27; 16:33; Philippians 4:6-9)

Answers: 1. God 2. others 3. Jesus

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# Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

### **Conversation Starter**

When do you feel most at peace?

# Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

# **Bible Study and Group Discussion**

### Read Colossians 1:19-22.

- 1. How did God make peace between Himself and everything in heaven and on earth?
- 2. Why were you considered to be an enemy of God at some point in your life?
- 3. Why is the sacrifice of Jesus significant to having peace with God?
- 4. What benefits come from having peace with God?

### Read <u>John 16:33</u>.

- 5. What words of Jesus bring peace to your mind?
- 6. What is hindering you from experiencing peace today?
- 7. What step can you take to receive God's peace?

# **Spiritual Practice**

Spiritual Practices help us experience the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. They're meant to be more than one-time actions, becoming a natural part of our lives.

The words of Jesus bring peace. Read the book of John and ask Jesus to show you the words He wants you to remember.

# **Memory Verse**

I have told you all of this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 (NLT)

# **Daily Reading**

Day 1: Colossians 1:18-22	Day 4: <u>Isaiah 26:3-4</u>
Day 2: <u>James 4:1-4</u>	Day 5: <u>Luke 2:8-20</u>
Day 3: <u>John 14:26-29</u>	

# **Prepare for Next Sunday**

Sunday, December 27, we'll conclude the series *Experiencing Christmas* with a message on **Hope.** To prepare, read <u>Hebrews 6:13-20</u>.



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