



Sermon Discussion Guide

JESUS CHRIST: THE LORD OF PEACE

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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Big Idea: “Only with Jesus can you know true and everlasting peace.”

Outline ~ Jesus is the Lord of Peace in 3 Ways:

- (1) Protection from the World
- (2) Harmony and Obedience in the Church
- (3) Comfort in the Gospel

1. What are you looking forward to most this Christmas? What will be the biggest challenge to having peace in the coming weeks?
2. What are some of the differences between *worldly* peace and the peace of Christ?
3. “There are two dangers in prayer: praying like we are in charge and praying like God isn’t.” In what area of your life can you pray for the peace of Christ?
4. Read 2 Thess 1:6-7. It may sound strange that we should be comforted by God’s final judgment of the wicked. Why was this an encouragement for the Thessalonian church? How should this be an encouragement to us today?
5. “Paul’s prayer for peace does not entail passivity.” Christian peace doesn’t mean never addressing things that need to be talked about. Can you think of a Christian in your life who is good about addressing conflict in a way that is full of grace? Why is this important for the church today?
6. In his speech on the true meaning of Christmas, Linus drops his blanket when he gets to the line, “Fear not.” What does Linus teach us about the connection between peace and the meaning of Christmas?¹
7. *Personal Challenge:* Pray for someone in your group over the holidays “that the Lord of Peace would give [them] peace at all times in every way.” Follow up later on about how God answered this prayer.

¹ Kevin said, “Only with Jesus are you able to drop the security blanket.”