

Message-based Study

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Connection

What is your favorite Christmas carol or song? Why?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

"Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace."

1. Peace as a Guard

Read Isaiah 26:3-4. The phrase "perfect peace" here is actually "peace peace!" or "shalom shalom!" This kind of peace requires putting a guard on your mind to protect it and maintain order.

On a scale of 1-10 how are you doing at protecting your mind, and not letting your imagination run away with you into fear or worry? What is your mind imagining that is detrimental to your peace?

2. Peace as Fruit

Read Isaiah 32:15-17. The verses which precede this section describe a land overgrown with thorns and briars. The turning point occurs when the Spirit of God is poured out. The coming of Jesus ushered that in! Verses 15-17 explain that a fertile, tree-filled field can sprout up where a desert wasteland previously was. Where in your life, or the life of a loved one, are you yearning to see that happen?

3. Peace as a Gift

Read Isaiah 53:5. We are pronounced guiltless *because* Jesus was pronounced guilty. On the cross, He served as our substitute. When did you first come to understand this truth?

What does the phrase "peace with God" mean to you?

4. **Peace as a Promise**

Read Isaiah 54:10. Paraphrase this verse in your own words.

Where in your life does it feel like *"the mountains are shaken"* right now?

What phrase from Isaiah 54:10 is important for you to remember as you struggle through this difficulty?

5. **Peace as a Herald**

Read Isaiah 55:12-13. What would it look like for you to be *"led forth in peace"*?

Commitment

- Look back over the **"Peace as..."** statements in this lesson, and choose the one which is most meaningful to you right now.
- Look up the verses from Isaiah which correlated with that **"Peace as..."** statement. Choose one verse or phrase and pray that over the circumstances in your life.
- In light of this scripture, how will you move forward?

"I will _____."



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

All around you people are walking through life with a lack of peace. This week, look for opportunities to **share your story** of how Jesus has brought peace into the chaos of your life.