

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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