

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE MISSING PEACE

LUKE 2:8-14

DECEMBER 11th, 2022

Three Qualities of Biblical Peace

- 1) Biblical peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in God
- 2) Biblical peace is not a byproduct of emotion but trust
- 3) Biblical peace is not a static state but activates obedience

Questions:

1. What are three characteristics you would use to describe the state of your heart right now in this season? Here are some examples: joy, stress, expectation, weary, busy, content, hopeful, sad, frustrated, peace, fearful, isolated, discouraged, satisfied
 - How might these be impacting your level of peace?
2. Why is it so tempting to think that having the right set of circumstances will lead to peace? In what ways have you fallen into the mindset that “peace and pain cannot coexist”? Is there a way that God uses hardship that can actually lead to deep peace?
3. How might you be falling into a circumstantial peace by trying to overly control, obsessively fix, etc something or someone that’s actually leading to the opposite of peace?
4. What might be the danger(s) of reducing peace to only an emotion? How then are we to experience the peace of God? Use the following passages to assist you:
 - See Philippians 4:5-7
 - John 16:33; 14:27
 - Romans 5:1
 - Romans 8:6
5. How is Biblical peace connected to trust in God?
 - See Isaiah 26:3-4
6. Assign each person or couple in the small group a following passage and have them share the role peace has in activating obedience:
 - James 3:18
 - Galatians 5:22
 - Philippians 4:7
 - Psalm 119:165
 - Colossians 3:15
7. How can the small group be praying for you in regards to experiencing more peace from God? Have everyone share.