

Sunday, December 10, 2017



PEACE THAT PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING

Advent Week 2

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT) *“...And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Luke 1:78-79 (NLT) *“Because of God’s tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.”*

Luke 2:13-14 (NLT) *Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”*

“We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.” — Thomas Merton



Mary shows that she is a woman of peace in her interaction with Gabriel in Luke Chapter 1.

So how can we find peace in the midst of the chaos of life?

1. Understand that peace doesn’t come from the circumstances around us.

“Peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God.”

— J. Oswald Sanders

2. Understand that peace is not passive.

Matthew 5:9 (NKJV) ***“Blessed are the peacemakers...”***

3. Understand that peace comes from God and because it is who He is.

John 14:27 (NIV) *I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.*

Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: Isaiah 9:1-7

Wednesday: Luke 1:25-80

Friday: John 14

Tuesday: Luke 1:1-25

Thursday: Luke 2:1-20

Saturday: John 1:1-18

Talk it Over:

1. What is the heaviest thing, literally, that you have ever lifted by yourself?
2. What is the heaviest situation/burden you have ever carried?
3. How did Mary show that she was a woman of peace in her interaction with the angel Gabriel in Luke 1?
4. How do we find peace with the people and situations around us?
5. What is the irony in the two pictures printed on the other side of this page?