



# GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

(Week of December 7th)

## ADVENT - PEACE

### LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Ask someone how they see pride in you and don't defend yourself. OR review the pride "diagnostic questions."

### ICEBREAKER

Share an odd or funny accidental injury story.

### BOTTOM LINE

Peace is the product of trust in the person of Jesus. Biblical peace is something we receive not achieve.

### MAIN SCRIPTURE

John 14:27

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Micah 5:4-5	Galatians 5:22-23
Romans 15:13	1 Peter 3:11
Isaiah 55:12	James 3:18

### RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) from TableTalk titled, "A Biblical Theology of Peace."

Watch this [video](#) titled, "God's Peace."

### GRACE EVENTS

<https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/>

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. What does the Christmas season typically look like for you? What are your greatest stressors?
3. Advent is meant to generate *spiritual momentum* in a season where it's easy to drift. How might an Advent mindset prepare our hearts to experience Jesus' peace more deeply?
4. Where are you tempted to chase a sense of peace that ultimately won't last? What circumstances or factors make it temporary?
5. Why do you think *everyone* is chasing peace, regardless of spirituality or background?
6. Why do you think people see peace as the end goal? What does this reveal about our deeper needs as humans?
7. Read **John 14:27**. How is Jesus' peace different from the world's version of peace?
8. Which of the three aspects of peace discussed in this weekend's sermon— **from God, with God, of God**—are you most longing for? Why?
9. What holds you back from receiving or holding onto the peace Jesus offers?
10. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." In this Advent season, what practical actions can you take to help you resist fear or anxiety?

## ACTION STEP

Seek an expanded view of God