

Peace

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom. 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

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Advent Series – For God so Loved the World

Series Goal: To be encouraged as we are attentive to the sending of Jesus into the world as the clearest demonstration of God's love; growing equipped to live with great hope, peace, joy, and love in our broken and divided world.

Series Verse: 1 John 4:9

Series Layout:

- Hope awakens our hearts
- **Peace stills our fears**
- Joy fills our lives
- Love completes the story.

Today's Essential Question:

How does God's love revealed in Christ bring a peace that stills our fears?

Peace originates from God.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Peace emerges where God's Kingdom takes root.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Peace unites God's people in hope and harmony.

Romans 15:4-13

Peace calls us to prepare our hearts for the King.

Matthew 3:1-12

Further Study

1 John 4:9

Lk. 17:21

Eph. 4:1-6

Advent Candle - All: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing."

<p style="text-align: center;">Advent 2025: For God so Loved the World</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Peace</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Is. 11:1-10, Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom. 15:4-13, Matt. 3:1-12</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Is. 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Rom. 15:4-13, Matt. 3:1-12</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk together or write in your journal about a time or season in your life when the Lord's peace seemingly carried you, giving you the strength and courage to faithfully continue walking in Him, even as the path was very uncomfortable and/or unclear. 2. Why is peace an important attribute or characteristic to reflect on and consider during the Advent season? 3. How is peace used by God to hold and move his people together? 4. Consider the words of John the Baptist in Matthew 3:1-12. Talk about how knowing true peace requires confronting our sin through repentance? Then, how can the peace of Christ help us resolve relational tension and conflict? 5. Prayerfully reflect on and consider those in your life who might be in need of peace this Advent season. How might we be an encouraging or exhorting presence of peace for them? What might they need to hear or know about Jesus, that would instill peace? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u> 1 John 4:9 Lk. 17:21 Eph. 4:1-6</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>