

Still Hope in His Name: Prince of Peace

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

You always have a choice

II. Choosing Peace begins with Understanding the Battle

1. What is Peace?
 - i. Identify the real source of conflict
 - ii. The Gift of Shalom
2. Whose Peace with you Pursue?
 - i. Empire of World
 - ii. Luke 2:1-7
 - iii. Mark 12:13-17

III. Choosing Peace means accepting the finished work of Christ

1. Knowing Jesus as the Prince of Peace (*Sars Shalom*)

IV. Experiencing the Peace of Christ takes practice (CHAIN)

Philippians 4:4-7

1. Cut the "Conditional" Bonds
2. Cast all your cares on the LORD
3. Take Charge of your Thinking
4. Fill your mind with God's Word

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. What do you think are the ideal conditions for you to feel like your life is flourishing?
2. Where do you want more peace in your life right now?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Is the biblical idea of peace more an inner feeling or more an outward condition? Why it important to understand this distinction?
2. How does sin lead to the loss of peace?
3. Read John 14:27. What are some of the differences between the Peace the world offers and the peace Jesus offers?
4. Read Mark 12:13-17. What stands out to you about this passage?
5. How do we accept the finished work of Christ? If we accept it, why don't we always feel the peace of God?
6. Read Philippians 4:4-7. How is this teaching shaping the way you live? If you wanted a stronger experience of God's peace, where do you think you should begin practicing this teaching?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?