



January thru April we will be covering the book of Isaiah. This will be on Sunday mornings and we will dig deeper on Wednesday evenings. You can decide how deep a look you want to take as we offer three levels to challenge each person on their current spiritual and biblical knowledge levels. Books and materials will be available at the church starting on December 29th.



Shepherds and the message of PEACE

- ◆ The _____ get a bad rap in modern theology. They are shown as an unruly, lower-class working stiff. They, in contrast to the religious leaders, were not held in high esteem and held positions of power. The Sadducees and the Pharisees were the political and religious powers of their day. _____ couldn't even vote.
- ◆ In scripture shepherds were always the type of people God _____ **on His side.** Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, were all shepherds at some point in their lives. The prophet Amos was a shepherd from Tekoa who preached one of the greatest messages ever recorded.

January 3rd 10 a.m. take down Christmas decorations.

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Shepherds and the message of PEACE

- ◆ Yet, _____ choose the Shepherds and not the religious leaders to bring the greatest message ever delivered.^
- ◆ Luke described the scene like this: “*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were _____*” (Luke 2:8–9)
- ◆ This startling event was followed by a message the world had been waiting to hear and the first to hear it were working class, salt of the earth shepherds.
- ◆ “_____ a ***great company of the heavenly host*** appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth _____ to those on whom his favor rests*’ (Luke 2:13–14).
- ◆ The message is not universal or of earthly peace. It is a message to those ‘that God is pleased with.’^
- ◆ The shepherds became the _____ of peace.



DIGGING DEEPER

This week we will be using out ADVENT daily devotional to guide us. Each day follow the readings and then answer the questions for deeper thought. This is a great opportunity for those who do not currently read and pray daily to start.



- ◆ There is one more thing about peace in the storm you need to know. You bring that peace for those _____ who do not know or trust Jesus. _____ were with him.
- ◆ _____ were with him.
Mark 4.36b NRSV
- ◆ When Jesus calmed the storm, He did it for _____ THE _____ not just the one He was in.
- ◆ When Jesus calms _____ storm. It touches all those _____ you.

Prayer and PEACE

- ◆ *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the _____ of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:6–7).
- ◆ This is especially true in _____ storm. He wants to help you calm that storm. He is there for answers, strength, guidance, and release from the terror of the world.



Moses and the message of PEACE

- ◆ This message of peace has _____ been part of the plan and the proclamation from God.
- ◆ Here _____ speaks to _____ to tell _____ to tell the _____ that _____ wants them to know.
- ◆ The _____ bless you, and keep you;
The _____ make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;
The _____ lift up His countenance on you, And give you _____ .’
“So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them.”
Numbers 6.24-27 NASB
- ◆ Here peace reflects safety, completeness, wholeness, and a _____ with God.



Isaiah and the message of PEACE

- ◆ *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, _____ OF _____. Of the greatness of his government and _____ there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever”* (Isaiah 9:6–7).

- ◆ This is not political, or national, or social, this is a _____ that is more than the lack of war.^
- ◆ This is a _____ that transcends all circumstances, problems, relationships, social standings. You name it.

Finding PEACE with Jesus

- ◆ “_____ I leave with you; My _____ I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.
John 14.27 NASB
- ◆ _____ comes from the word that means “to _____” or “to _____ into a whole.”
 - ◆ **FOUR RULES** of Biblical interpretation
 - ◆ Scripture _____ scripture.
 - ◆ Nothing out of _____ .
 - ◆ Simple _____ the difficult.
 - ◆ Jesus is _____ !
- ◆ Nothing out of _____ !
- ◆ “*These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father _____ in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.* John 14.25-6 NASB
- ◆ This is the context of Jesus giving us PEACE. It is us joining the family of God and being tied together with the Holy Spirit. This is the tranquility, harmony, and well-being Jesus is _____ to all believers.
- ◆ “_____ I leave with you; My _____ I give to you...”

- ◆ We are surrounded by conflict in the world, but we are protected by the _____ and peace of Christ Jesus.
- ◆ “**And the peace of God, which surpasses all _____ , will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**” Philippians 4.7 ESV
- ◆ “*For _____ Himself is our peace...*”
Ephesians 2.14 NASB
- ◆ His peace is _____ given as the world give peace.
- ◆ His peace is His with us no matter the circumstances.



PEACE in the STORM

- ◆ After a long day of teaching we read in Mark 4.36-41 NRSV
- ◆ Are you in the middle of a storm this Christmas season?^
- ◆ Here are some keys to remember when facing storms.
 - ◆ Jesus shows up in _____ .
 - ◆ Jesus shows up when we are _____ .
 - ◆ Jesus shows up when we think He _____ .
 - ◆ Jesus brings _____ and _____ into our lives.
 - ◆ When Jesus is in your _____ , life, you can make it _____ the storm you are facing.