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PRINCE OF PEACE

<u>Philippians 4:6-8</u> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

REVIEW

- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace
- <u>Isaiah 9:6</u> For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

THE PEACE HE GIVES

<u>John 14:27</u> - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- He gives peace differently than the world gives
- <u>1 John 2: 16-17</u> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.
- Our peace comes from what has already been done for us through Jesus
- It comes from what has been secured for us in Christ for all who believe
- Acts 16:23-25 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.
- **Psalms 23:4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- **Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

PEACE WITH GOD

<u>Romans 5:1-2</u> - Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace[a] with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

- It goes on to say (Romans 5:3-11)
- Rejoice in trials
- He came when we were utterly helpless
- He came while we were still sinners and His enemies
- All who believe can rejoice in their new relationship with God
- The cross
- John 19:30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

CLOSING QUESTIONS

- 1. Where has your focus been?
- 2. Are you believing His promises?
- 3. Do you see and realize what Christ has done for you?
- 4. Do you find peace in Jesus 'statement, "It is finished"?
- 5. Do you believe that if you are a believer and follower of Jesus you have peace with God?
- 6. Do you know Jesus?

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:8-14; Matthew 5:9; Psalms 29:11

- 1. What is the difference between a peacemaker and a peacekeeper?
- 2. What season of your life has been the most peaceful? What season has between the least peaceful?
- 3. Read together Psalms 34:14. How do you seek peace?
- 4. Share about a time when you've experienced peace in the midst of hard circumstance.
- 5. Have you ever experienced peace that surpasses understanding? What was that like?

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