

The Shalom Peace of Jesus Christ
Life Group #40
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Welcome: Have a little fun with this.

- How many of the men in your group have already done their Christmas shopping?
- How many gifts does the average man buy for Christmas?
- How many men usually do their Christmas shopping during Dec. 23 and 24?
- How many women have already completed their shopping?
- How many women tend to shop for Christmas during Boxing Week and the month after Christmas?
- Compared to this year, will your family spend less or more for Christmas?
- On a scale from 1-12, how peaceful is the month of December for you. (12 being the most peaceful month)

Worship:

- Jesus, according to Isaiah 9:6, is the Prince of Peace. What are some of the images come to you when you think of Jesus bringing peace to our lives?
- Meditate together on the image that Jesus is the Peace-giver in Isaiah 66:10-13.
- Songs and prayers about Jesus, our peace.

Word: The Shalom Peace of Jesus Christ

“Peace” used in the English language is not inclusive enough. OT “peace” includes - completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.

Message Outline:

- **Peace, the shalom created in the Garden of Eden**
 - Genesis 2 –
 - Creator breathes life into man
 - Communing with God
 - Garden provided for Adam and Eve
 - Not to eat from Tree of knowledge of good and evil
- **Chaos results in the fall of man:** Gen. 3
 - Sin, sweat, thorns, thistles, banishment from the Garden
- **God’s remedy for shalom peace – God’s love**
 - Isaiah 9:6 – Immanuel, God with us
 - Luke 2:14 – peace to men, Jesus favor rests on people
 - John 3:16 – you may recognize this one!
- **Where do we find shalom peace?** This doesn’t seem what we might think!
 - Matt. 11:25-28 – We get peace by yoking?
 - Matt. 20: 25-28 – We get peace by serving?
 - John 14:15-18 – We get peace through obedience?
- **What shall we do with this shalom peace?**
 - Peace comes through oneness with people: Eph. 2:14-18

Witness: How can peace become part of our witness?

- II Cor. 5:17-21
- How can we share this message, given the current meaning of Christmas in our culture?