

Alliance International Church
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Christmas Story - Peace
John 14:25-27

The Hebrew word for peace is **Shalom** שְׁלוֹמַם

And it's really not just about the absence of conflict or the ceasing of hostilities. It means completeness, wholeness and so peace-making is about creating wholeness.

Biblical Peace

- 1) Guards our _____ Phil 4:6-7
- 2) Brings us _____ Prov 12:20; Rom 14:17
- 3) Is a _____ from _____ Psalm 29:11
- 4) Assists us during _____ _____ Isaiah 54:10

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Emmanuel: God with us

AIC Small Group Discussion

The word peace can mean so many different things and really depends upon the context. When you hear the word peace, what comes to mind? Discuss.



Read Psalm 29:11. Sometimes we come into our community group burdened with stress, anxiety, and a sense of needing to be somewhere else. Pray for peace and contentment to be here together right now focused on Jesus and loving one another.

Read Isaiah 54:10 together.

- 1) Pastor Henry talked about peace being related to wholeness, feeling completed or content. Do you go through most days feeling like something is missing in your life? Explain.
- 2) Does anyone have a time in their life, including potentially right now, when you felt God's peace or your sensing of His presence in your life was lacking. What happened and did that change? (stop to listen and pray for anyone that is currently experiencing a lack of peace in their lives)
- 3) Share a time when life was difficult and yet God's peace did not depart from your heart. (Isaiah 54:10)
- 4) When have you felt most complete and whole in your life and faith?

Prayer

Pray for the peace of God to so fill your hearts that you can enter this Christmas season ready to share the joy of the Lord.