



CHRISTMAS AT COMMUNITY

BIG IDEA

Jesus came to bring lasting peace to our lives and our world.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:5-7

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 6 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, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace 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. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

John 14:26-27

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 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.

ICEBREAKER

Can you describe a peaceful time in your life? Where were you? What were you doing?

BIBLE APPLICATION

1. Read Isaiah 9:5-7 and John 14:26-27, what stood out to you? What struck you?
2. What do these two verses tell us about our new life in Christ?

LIFE APPLICATION

3. The teaching this week emphasized a difference between our life "out there" in the world and our interior, private life with Christ. What are some of the challenges that you face "out there"?
4. How would you describe your interior life with Christ?
5. We talk about many of the titles of God at this time of year; Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Advocate, etc -- What title do you need to hold onto this year?

NEXT STEPS/CHALLENGE

6. This Christmas will you let Jesus break into your heart? What steps can you take to help this happen?