

BIG IDEA

Through Jesus, we can now experience peace.

SCRIPTURE

Micah 5:1-5a, Luke 2:4-7

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Icebreaker and Opening Thought: This is designed to get your group talking and thinking through the big idea of the group. In this case, what is peace, and how can we be peacemakers?

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Each of these passages talks about a different aspect of Jesus' mission on earth, of which bringing peace is one critical part. Read through the passages and discuss the different ways they view the world and Jesus. Remember that there aren't any specific answers that we're looking for, but try to gently direct your group towards peace before you transition to the Life Application questions.

LIFE APPLICATION

Jesus came to bring peace to every aspect of our lives. Let your group read through the types of peace and encourage them to think about the areas of their life where they would like to see more peace. How could viewing these areas through the lens of Christ's peace change their situations? Or change their perspective?

Don't worry if everyone doesn't want to participate by sharing. Some might find these questions hard to answer, or they might feel vulnerable in thinking about conflict. Give space to those who need space.

Read the NT Wright quote once or twice and give people a minute to process the quote. Then encourage them to share what they think of when they hear it. Maybe there is something about their perspective that needs to shift, or perhaps it's a new way of viewing their lives through resurrection?

CHALLENGE

This week think about one thing every day you could do to bring peace to your surroundings, whether it's with a kind word to a loved one, picking up trash, speaking up for someone, or taking steps to resolve a conflict – find something and become a peacemaker, not just a peacekeeper.