

Above All Names | Week 3 - Who is the Prince of Peace?**Big Idea**

As Prince of Peace, Jesus brings wholeness to our broken lives.

Scripture

John 14:27, John 16:33, Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:15, and Luke 1:78-79

Points to Keep In Mind

1. Jesus came to bring peace to you, peace between you and God. He offers you a whole and restored relationship with God. He did that by going to the cross and rising from the dead to heal the fractured relationship between you and God. When you say yes to him, Jesus will bring you peace, wholeness, and completeness. Some examples of the peace of Jesus in action are bringing healing to the broken parts in you, his peace can restore your shattered dreams, and he can mend your fractured family. Worldly peace is based on our circumstances and is only felt when no conflict exists. The peace Jesus offers surpasses the things of this world.
2. John 16:33 is a reassuring verse, especially to those of us experiencing hardship. It is a powerful reminder that even when our circumstances are troubled, Jesus will have the final victory as he overcame this world by his death and resurrection.
3. Isaiah 26:3 tells us that when our thoughts are anchored in God, and we rely on and trust in His faithfulness, He will keep us in perfect peace despite life's circumstances. Another way to say it is to glance at our circumstances but gaze into the face of Jesus.
4. For a body to work correctly, all parts must work together in unity. Much like the hand requires the arm to move, members of one body must work in harmony to be the most effective. The world is watching the body of believers. Let's work together in unity to shine the love and light of Christ brightly in this dark world.
5. The "rising sun" in Luke 1:78-79 represents Christ's coming. "Those living in darkness" represent people who still need to find their way back to God through belief in Jesus. Darkness cannot exist in light, just as Jesus, the light of the world, conquered darkness and death on the cross (John 3:16 and 1 Peter 4:6).

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized?
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily?
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ Discipleship Conversation by visiting: youplus.info

For these resources and more, visit communitychristian.org/nextsteps