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Small Group Bible Study

2nd Advent PEACE

December 4, 2011

The word Advent stems from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Advent is a time of both preparation, as we prepare our hearts to honor the birth of Christ, and of celebration that He has come and will come again.

PEACE.

We all hunger for peace in one way or another. Where is one place in your life that you long for peace?

Read Philippians 4:6-7

Consider the contrast between “worrying” and “praying.” Why is offering thanks to God an important part of bringing your requests to Him?

Have you ever experienced “peace beyond understanding?” If in a group, discuss your experience. What does it mean to live in Christ Jesus?

Read Colossians 3:15-16

How does letting Christ’s peace rule ones heart directly correspond with how Christians are to live out their faith?

Take some time to consider the “message about Christ.”

Read:

John 1:14-16,

Hebrews 2:14-15

Ephesians 2:13

John 14:2-4

How do each of these passages speak of peace?

Christmas is coming soon. Consider the ways that the “Christmas Season” as we know it can cause strife instead of peace?

As you consider the weeks ahead, how will you learn to experience Christ’s peace as we prepare to celebrate the day of His birth?

What is the promise that is given in 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24?

Why is verse 24 essential for understanding verse 23?

If studying as a group, take time to pray one another that you would experience the peace of Christ in this Christmas season.

If studying alone, pray for God to carry you in His peace, and consider who else God is calling you to hold up in prayer.

