



12/18/2022 "Peace"

1. What stood out to you from this week's message? Why?
2. How did John describe the concept of 'peace'?
3. The prophet Isaiah looked forward to the arrival of the Prince of Peace, whose reign would lead to eternal *shalom* (Isaiah 9:6). Jesus' arrival fulfilled Isaiah's words. Read and reflect on Luke 2:6-14 as a group. What would you say was God's vision for "peace" on earth? What pictures come to mind?
4. How does the biblical definition differ from or add to your own understanding of peace?

Watch this video by the bible project:

[bibleproject.com/bible-studies/shalom-peace/](http://bibleproject.com/bible-studies/shalom-peace/)

3. The prophet Isaiah looked forward to the arrival of a future king who would make a covenant of *shalom* (peace, well-being) with his people. This king would set the world right and heal all that has been harmed. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 together. What specific words or phrases stand out to you as you observe this passage and why?
4. The Bible Project video stated that peace refers to a complex and multifaceted thing that has all of its pieces functioning in the proper order. *Shalom* (שלום) refers to a complete picture. In what ways do you feel Jesus, or the Bible, helps fill in the incomplete picture of humanity?
5. The absence of peace can result from not seeing the complete picture. Too often, we dwell on the negative things that happen. Where have you allowed a negative or incomplete picture rob you of peace? What positive or hopeful things can you identify?
6. What else stands out to you from Sunday's message and how might you be able to apply it to your week?