



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Let Earth Receive Her King: King of Peace

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:9; James 1:19-27; James 3:13-18

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1. What is your place of peace? Why is it so?
2. As the month of December has begun and Christmas approaches, do you find peace is the reason for the season or do you get caught in the chaos (gifts, family, dinners, parties)?
3. Shane provided a definition for peace this weekend. How would you define peace?
4. In Matthew 5:9, Jesus says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” Is there a difference between a peacemaker and peacekeeper? If so, how would you distinguish between the two?
5. Why is the call to peacemaking necessary during the Advent/Christmas season?
6. James 1:19-27 is an extended call “to not just be hearers of the word, but doers of the word.” As we consider this in light of peace and being peacemakers, what does this mean for you?
7. Making peace will always be an intentional choice. How can you choose to be a peacemaker? How *should* you choose to be a peacemaker? Why is this a necessary implication in light of James 1:19-27?
8. As you read James 3:13-18, what does this passage illuminate about being a peacemaker?
9. During Advent 2023 and last week in our Advent series, we shared Colossians 1:20. How does Jesus, the Prince of Peace, “making peace by the blood of his cross” reveal how we live as peacemakers?
10. We will continue to bring invitation to Christmas at HTC, in particular Christmas Eve services, to our time together each week. Who are you planning to invite? Let’s take time to pray together for you and for them?