



# HTC Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Light of the World: Peace

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:1-7; Matthew 4:12-17; Psalm 46:8-11; Mark 4:35-41

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1. Would you describe Christmas as peaceful? Why or why not?
2. Isaiah 9 begins with a remarkable promise. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone” (Isaiah 9:2). How do you imagine the original audience heard this phrase? How is this applicable to us?
3. As you consider the prophetic promise of the child who will be born in Isaiah 9:6-7, what significance is there to the title He is given? How are they fulfilled in Jesus?
4. Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means “arrival” or “coming.” As Jesus begins his ministry in Matthew 4:12-17, He essentially states, “I am fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy,” or “Christ has come.” Explain the significance of this.
5. As you consider the historical context as Jesus enters the world, how does that change how we understand peace, especially in light of Roman occupation in Israel and what Jesus will experience in His life?
6. How easy is it for you to “be still” (Psalm 46:10a)? If you are unable to do so, do you find it difficult to “know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10b)?
7. Psalm 46:8-11 invites us to “behold the works of the LORD” (Psalm 46:8). What specific works of the LORD does Isaiah mention? How have you been able to see these works of the LORD in your life?
8. Making war to case, breaking bows, shattering spears, and burning chariots with fire (Psalm 46:9) is hardly what we consider as “peace.” How do these actions help you to understand God’s definition of peace against our own?
9. Jesus said, “Peace! Be still!” and “the wind ceased, and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39). If Jesus is able to speak peace to the storms, where can He speak peace over your life?
10. The disciples ask the question, “Who then is this, that even the wind and sea obey him?” (Mark 4:41). The question, “Who is Jesus?” is always the most important. How have these passages elevated your view of Him?