



ADVENT

Advent Week 3: PEACE

Scripture: Ephesians 2:13-17 & Genesis 3:8-11, 21

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK) - *Read the Passage on Your Own*

Before and as you read this week's passage of Scripture, ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of His truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

- 1. Who is God?** (What does this passage tell me about God's character?)
- 2. What Has God Done?** (How do I see God's character in action here?)
- 3. Who Am I?** (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself?)
- 4. What Do I Do?** (If I believe Ephesians 2:13-17, how should I be *personally* obedient to this passage? How should I respond and relate to others?)

NURTURE (DNA WORK) - *Work through this section together*

Reading: **Ephesians 2:13-17 & Genesis 3:8-11, 21**

Review the two passages above together. What stands out to you in these verses? Also, confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your **DISCOVER** study.

In light of this week's sermon and DNA readings, consider these questions together:

1. What implications does the Genesis 3 passage have on us today? On the entire earth? And in relation to all humanity's standing before God?
2. What does God do for Adam and Eve in the garden after they betrayed Him (Genesis 3:21)? What does this mean for our sin, what does it require? What does this sacrifice ultimately point to?
3. What implications does Ephesians 2:13-17 have for us? Where do you usually look for significance, belonging and purpose outside of Jesus?
4. What does Ephesians 3 mean for our daily peace and how does it transform how we usually think about peace?
5. What are the things (daily/weekly) that *wage war* on your peace? How does this contrast to true peace - not just relief - but true abiding peace in Jesus?
6. How can you as a DNA group take an action step to better and more deeply abide in Jesus as your Prince of Peace this week?

NOTE: During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of the love of God revealed to them in Jesus. *Use this time to confess and encourage and pray for one another so that healing would take place.*

ACT (DNA FUTURE WORK) - *(In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?)*

Consider these questions:

1. Ask your DNA group: am I a **peaceful person**? Not just a surface level kind of peace, but am I a *follower of Jesus who abides in Him and in this peace*? Be humble and to their responses and ask for help to be more abiding in the peace of Jesus during this Advent season. On the other hand, be encouraged by their responses and strengthened in your faith.
2. What is a tangible way that you can bear witness to this **Gospel of PEACE** in your home and family this week during Christmas?