

Review:

Lesson 1: Hope

Lesson 2: Peace

Peace

Psalm 85:1-3, 8-13

The peace which Christ followers celebrate during Advent comes with a healthy dose of remembering some of our “spiritual markers”: times and circumstances in our lives when we felt _____ to God.

Discussion 1. Recall one “spiritual marker” in your own life, i.e., a time or circumstance when you felt especially close to God. How does remembering that time contribute to your peace now? Why is it important to stop from time to time and remember our spiritual markers?

Scripture promises it over and over again: there is a particular _____ which only _____ can provide, and He gives it to those who live in Christ Jesus, those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Discussion 2. The night Jesus was born, the angels sang “Peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” Who do you think that includes?

When Christ followers sing “Peace on Earth” during Advent, we are contemplating all the love, faithfulness, righteousness and peace embodied by _____ and _____ promised upon His return.

Discussion 3. How would you teach a 6-year-old the difference between the secular version of peace and the kind of “shalom” Jesus embodies?

The peace contemplated and anticipated in Advent is more robust than this world can comprehend. Jesus’ coming kingdom entails a certain completeness, i.e., everything in the world being reconciled to God’s original perfect plan. It is a sense that _____.

Discussion 4. In the context of Advent (and Christmas), how would you describe your own mental pictures when you hear the refrain “All is Well?” What practical relevance does it have to your everyday life?