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Peace on Earth
Luke 2:14
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

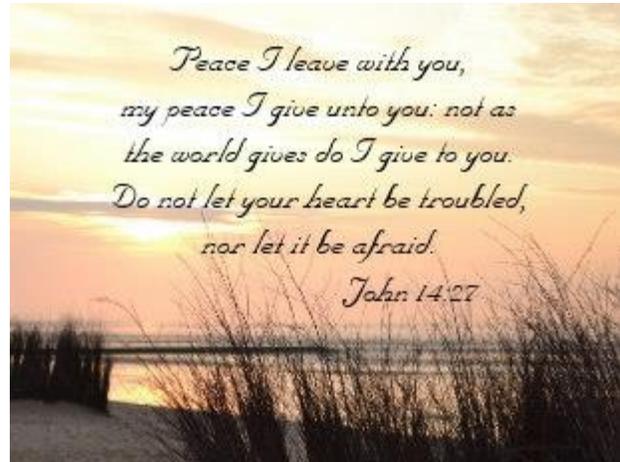
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In the second chapter of Luke when it describes the birth of Christ we find the verse that we will focus on this week. It tells us that with the birth of Christ there has come a peace on earth. It clearly is not a global peace. But it is peace with whom God is pleased. This week we will talk about the peace that Jesus brings. We all want to have peace in our hearts and in our lives but most of us don't always feel that peace. We are consumed by the busyness of life, often chasing after the things of this world. We are also often consumed by the struggles and challenges of this fallen world and find it hard to embrace peace. However, clearly the Scriptures teach that Jesus brings peace so, what is the peace He brings and how do we embrace this peace in our lives?



Luke 2:14 New English Translation

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among people with
whom he is pleased!”

Philippians 4:6-7 New English Translation

⁶Do not be anxious about anything.
Instead, in every situation, through
prayer and petition with thanksgiving, tell
your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of
God that surpasses all understanding will
guard your hearts and minds in Christ
Jesus.

Romans 5:1 New English Translation

5 Therefore, since we have been
declared righteous by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ,

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why does Luke 2:14 declare peace on earth when we still have conflicts on earth?

9. How do we find peace according to Philippians 4:6-7?

10. How do we find peace according to Romans 5:1?

11. Do these three passages point to the same peace? How do they relate?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

12. When is it difficult to feel at peace in your life?

13. How has Jesus brought peace to our everyday life?

14. What can we do to help others feel the peace that Jesus offers?

15. How can peace in your life be a witness to others?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...