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Presents from Jesus Luke 2:13-14 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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#### Using This Study

#### • 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.

#### 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.

#### EMBRACE His Word

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





This week we begin a new series as we move into the Christmas season. Over the next four weeks we will be looking at a series called presents from Jesus. We often talk about the birth of Jesus and the truth that Jesus himself, is the greatest present of all time. Over the next four weeks we will look at the blessings that Jesus brings with Him. We will begin this study by talking about peace. Jesus brings peace to the world. However, when we look around the world it is not full of peace. What does the scripture mean that Jesus brings peace, and how can we find this peace from Jesus?

# Luke 2:13-14 (NASB)

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

# John 16:33 (NASB)

<sup>33</sup>These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

# Romans 8:6 (NASB)

<sup>6</sup> For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

### **O 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 unalike such as similes and metaphors?

- ② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion) What does God MEAN?
  - 8. In Luke 2 why did the angels declare peace among Men?

9. Was there a condition on the offer of peace in Luke 2? If so, what was the condition?

10. In John, Jesus seems to offer peace in the midst of tribulation. What does He mean by this offer of peace?

11. According to Romans 8, how do we find the peace offered from Jesus?

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

12. In what ways have you been able to embrace the peace of Jesus? Share some specific examples.

13. Is there a requirement for us in order to receive peace? If so, what is it?

14. How can we share the peace of Christ with the people around us? Give some specific examples.

#### Summarize your thoughts on the passage

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

SERMON NOTES