

Peace - Week 3

Scripture:

Luke 2:8-14

Also

Galatians 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:2-3; John 14:27; Matthew 11:28-29

Discussion Questions

What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scripture passages?

1. Read Luke 2:8-14. In this occurrence, God brought Good News to the shepherds (& the world!) through an event that was incredibly frightening to them.
 - **Have you ever experienced something like that, where good came through a frightening event or situation?**
 - **When you consider a situation like that, that has occurred in the past, how does that impact your present? Your future?**
2. Read Galatians 4:4. The Israelite people had been waiting for the Messiah for centuries, yet God waited until this moment, the "fullness of time".
 - **What are some truths about God that you can draw from that? (For instance, He knows everything).**
 - **What are some truths about humans that you can draw from that (for instance, we *don't* know everything!).**
 - When the unexpected, unexplainable and irreversible happens, we lose our peace.
3. Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3. God seems to want to teach the Israelites a valuable lesson by humbling them. **What was it? What lessons have you learned through being humbled?**
4. Read John 14:27 and Matthew 11:28-29.
 - **What is different about the kind of peace Jesus gives?**
 - **Where in your life do you need His peace?**
 - **What do you need to do to get it?**
 - **What's stopping you?**

I encourage you to gently challenge your people to take whatever step is necessary, as soon as possible, to get the peace of Jesus! Merry Christmas to you!

