

"Peace"

1. What do you think? Has the advent (coming) of Christ made any difference yet in bringing "peace on earth"? In answering, consider several scales: global, national, societal, individual.
2. Read the prophetic vision concerning peace brought by the Messiah recorded in Isaiah 11:1–9. Focusing particularly on verses 6–9, what have you observed in the past week that falls far short of this vision... in the world, in our nation, in your own community?

What have you observed in the past week that offers hope for this vision of peace... in the world, in our nation, in your community?

3. Read Titus 3:1–8. In this frustrating time between our Lord's advents, we believers must form communities that live out, and therefore model, "peace on earth." What guidance does this passage give us? In what other practical ways can we become communities that model "peace on earth"?
4. Read James 3:13–18. How can we American Christians be "peacemakers who sow in peace" ("plant seeds of peace" - NLT)? Again, please think on a variety of scales— from international to your work-places, schools, neighborhoods, and families.

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?