

God With You

Advent 2020

PEACE Luke 2:8-14

Message Reflection Guide

It was a dramatic story of forgiveness. In December of 2000, on the Battleship Missouri Memorial, a dozen American survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor embraced three of the Japanese pilots who had flown attacking planes. The reconciliation ceremony had been arranged by the American-Japan Friendship Committee.

That moving scene is only a dim reflection of what God's grace does for us. Although we are sinful, we can be brought into a relationship with God through simple faith in Jesus. Because He died on the cross in our place, God blots out the record of our sins and makes us right with Him.

The Lord in His amazing love has not only forgiven us but has also given to us "*the ministry of reconciliation*" 2 Corinthians 5:18. We have the honor of sharing the good news with others so that they too can be at peace with God.

Conversation Starter

Share a story about a time that you made peace with someone you were in a conflict with. How did peace come about?

Getting Into The Scriptures Read Luke 2:8-14

Pastor Jason said: "God is with you because He wants to give you peace. Jesus desires to give you peace with God and with one another." In what ways do you seek peace in your life? How do you bring peace to the world around you? How could you do this better?

Jesus gives you peace with God. When did you accept Christ as your savior? How has His peace changed the way you live?

Jesus gives you peace with others. Have you ever allowed a dispute to ruin a relationship that you once valued? What was the hardest part about losing that relationship? What did you learn from that experience?

Have you ever been involved in helping others work through a disagreement? What was the most difficult part of being a "peacemaker"?

Why is it important that we strive to be peacemakers in our homes, schools, at work, and in our church?

Making It Real

Share with the group what you're doing to discover the peace of Christ in your life right now. What is working? What do you need to do differently?