

Connection Group

Christmas 2016 #2

Discussion for This week:

- A word associated with Christmas is the word “peace” (Luke 2:14; Isaiah 9:6). This is also a word associated with the gospel (Ephesians 2:14a,17). How does peace and the gospel relate to one another?
- What did Jesus say in Matthew 5:9? What is the difference between a peace maker and a peace Keeper? How would you describe the life of a peace maker? Easy? Difficult? Why does Jesus say a peace maker represents God’s family (Matthew5:9b)?
- How does Ephesians 2:8-13 encourage us to be Peace makers? What do verses 12 & 13 want us “Remember”? Why? What is “remembering” going to help us accomplish?
- What do you believe is the primary point of Ephesians 2:14-17? What does Paul want us to understand?
- The Gospel brings us peace with God. To live life as a gospel centered peace maker what character qualities do you feel are essential? (Example: forgiving, compassionate) Why? What character quality would you like to better demonstrate in your life?
- Is there a place in your life you refuse to be a peace maker for the Gospel? Is there an area of your life that you feel God wants to use you to be a peace maker?