

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for December 5, 2021:
Christmas Gifts: The Gift of Authentic Peace



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with
CGS Community or family

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

1. When/where do you feel most peaceful?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

“All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

“Come now; let us leave.

John 14:25-31

1. What do you think “*peace with God*” means? What is it like if you don’t have that peace?
2. Read Romans 5:1. what does “*made right in God’s sight by faith*” mean?
3. When have you tried to be right in God’s sight by being a good person and living a good life? What role does Jesus play in making us right in God’s sight?
4. Read Romans 12:18. What do you think “*so far as it depends on you*” means?
5. Can you share an experience of being unable to live peaceably with others and deciding whether you should just stand by or take initiative to restore peace?
6. In this desperate world, there are some groups of people we simply can’t have fellowship with. Based on this same verse, how can we coexist with them harmoniously? How can we posture ourselves towards them?

- **SERVE** *others*

This week’s Advent candle is the candle of peace. Do you know someone living without authentic peace? How can you be a blessing to them and help them work towards reconciliation?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**