

Small Group Discussion Guide Advent Part 2 — Peace

1. Opening

Read Isaiah 11:1–9 and open with prayer.

Icebreaker: What Christmas tradition helps you slow down or feel centered?

2. Understanding Biblical Peace

- How is biblical shalom (wholeness/fullness) different from cultural ideas of peace?
- Why does God speak of peace in times of conflict?
- Where do you see God bringing peace within chaos?

3. The Character of Christ Brings Peace

- Which attribute of Christ do you need most right now—wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, righteousness, justice, faithfulness?
- How does focusing on God's character reshape your response to stress?
- How does it bring peace knowing God sees the deeper truth of your story?

4. The Power of God to Bring Things Together

- Where do you need God to bring together things that don't belong together?
- When have you felt like the predator or the prey?
- What might you need to lay down this Christmas to pursue peace?

5. Living in the Now and Not Yet

- How do you experience the tension between the 'now' and 'not yet' of peace?
- What helps you stay grounded in Christ's peace when returning to old relationships or roles?
- What is one practical way you can point to Christ this season?

6. Application & Response

- What element of Christ's character needs to be conceived in me?
- What is one practical thing I can do to point others to Christ?
- Where do I personally need peace right now?

Close with prayer for one another.