



# *Ministry of Biblical Studies*

DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY SERIES

**December 11th @ 11am | Advent: The Light of Peace**

# ADVENT

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION



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# Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church Ministry of Biblical Study Classes

December 11, 2024

## **"Advent: The Light of Peace"**

11:00am – 11:45am

### **Introduction:**

In this class, we will explore the theme of peace during Advent, focusing on Christ as the Light of Peace that dispels darkness, reconciles humanity, and empowers us to live as peacemakers.

### **Key Scripture Passages:**

#### **1. Isaiah 9:2-6 (Prince of Peace)**

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.."*

#### **2. John 14:27 (Jesus' gift of peace)**

*"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.."*

### **The Light of Peace in Advent:**

- Peace as a key message of Christ's coming.
- The contrast between worldly peace and Christ's peace:
- Worldly peace is temporary and external.
- Christ's peace is eternal and internal.

## **Biblical Foundations of Peace:**

- Old Testament promise of peace (Isaiah 9:6, Micah 5:5).
- New Testament fulfillment in Jesus (Luke 2:14, John 16:33)

## **Peace as Light in the Darkness:**

- Jesus dispels fear and division, bringing reconciliation and wholeness.
- How the light of peace reveals God's love for all people

## **Reflection Questions:**

- What does peace look like in your life right now?
- How can Jesus' peace help us navigate conflict or uncertainty?
- How can we be carriers of peace in our communities?

## **Application - How to Walk in the Light of Peace:**

- Cultivate peace through prayer and trust in God's promises (Philippians 4:6-7).
- Be a peacemaker in relationships (Matthew 5:9).
- Actively seek reconciliation and justice where there is brokenness.

## **Challenge for the Week:**

- Choose one action to bring peace into a specific situation (e.g., resolving a conflict, encouraging someone in turmoil).
- Memorize John 14:27 and meditate on it daily.

## **Closing Reflection:**

- How has Jesus' peace changed your perspective this Advent season?

## **Closing Prayer**

## Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 9:2-6 – The coming Prince of Peace.
- John 14:27 – Jesus gives peace, not as the world gives.
- Philippians 4:6-7 – God's peace surpasses all understanding.
- Luke 2:14 – "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace..."
- Matthew 5:9 – "Blessed are the peacemakers..."

## Main Points to Emphasize:

1. **Jesus is the Light of Peace:** He came to reconcile humanity with God and with each other.
2. **Peace is transformative:** It is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of wholeness and restoration.
3. **Our role as peacemakers:** Reflecting Christ's light by promoting peace in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

