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Advent | Peace  
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Jesus is the gift that brings peace....not at all like Nintendo in Reuben's house growing up!

#### Peace with God

- Romans 4.23-5.2
- We can have peace with our creator because of what Jesus did for us. Though we were enemies of God, Jesus loved us into relationship with him. We have peace, therefore, in a Divine relationship.

#### Peace with each other

- Matthew 5.9, John 14.27
- We can have peace in our human relationships and we live in harmony and unity with one another as we follow Jesus' example and teaching.
- We can bring daily little moment of peace to one another. This does more than we think it might. Let us know get weighed down with anxiety about "changing the world" and simply start bringing peace to everyday moments.
- Peace within our personal relationships is a reflection of God's character.

#### Peace from God

- We all look for peace from people or situations (money, success, family, romance). But only God can bring the kind of peace we're looking for.
- Reuben shares his journey with anxiety and how he has learned to look to God for peace above all else.
- Thankfulness brings us peace. When we live simple, thankful lives, perspective is gained and we thrive in God's presence and peace.

The peace of God is real and is here for us today. It can arrive in us right now through God's Spirit. Will you open yourself to peace with God, with others and peace from God this Christmas?

#### Discussion Questions

- What spoke to you most about the sermon on Sunday? What section most connects with you?
- How is God's peaceful character reflected in our relationships? Where does that come from in him?
- Do you know someone who is lacking peace in their life? How can you be a peace-bringer to them?
- What did you learn about anxiety, worry and peace in this sermon, specifically how God works to lead us out of it?

