



Regift: Part 3

Small Group Questions: Regifting Peace

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Read

Luke 2:8–14; Romans 5:1–2 and 12:18; Matthew 5:9 and 6:25–33

Reflect

Shepherds tending their flocks at night are terrified when an angel of the Lord first appears to tell them about the birth of Christ. The Good News is that true peace with God is available to us through Christ, but when God intervenes in our lives...or shows up in a big way, it can be terrifying.

Pastor Greg describes the kind of peace Jesus brings:

1. He brings peace to my soul.
 - a. Do you crave peace? What most often causes you to lose your peace?
 - b. To what lengths have you gone in the past to make a certain time or situation peaceful?
 - c. What have you thought might give you peace, but ultimately, did not?
 - d. How has your conscience served as a warning light for you?
 - i. Can you think of a time when you ignored...or heeded...that warning light? Explain.
 - e. Do you have a hard time forgiving yourself? Explain.
 - i. Do you tend to have an overactive conscience?
 - f. How would you describe God? Do you think of him as angry all the time?
 - i. Might you be focusing on a false warning?
 - g. What is your peace based on, and why?
2. He brings peace to my relationships.
 - a. What might be some differences between a Christian and a Christ-follower?
 - b. Do certain people come to mind when you think of a peacemaker or a peace breaker?
 - c. When you have conversations (real/virtual) do they tend to bring peace or controversy?
 - d. You can't control other people, but what can you do to sow peace?
 - e. What do you need to remove in order to find God's peace?
 - i. Do you need to cancel a debt? Forgive someone? Ask forgiveness?
3. He brings peace to my future.
 - a. What worries and concerns do you have about the future?
 - b. How could you reorder your priorities to bring yourself more in harmony with what God wants for your life?
 - c. Do you feel the need to control your future? Explain.
 - d. What specific steps can you take to help you trust God more—to trust him to provide what matters most?
 - e. How and when has God pushed you out of your comfort zone? Why do you think he does that?
 - f. In what ways does it seem easier to stay where you are? Does it seem safer and more peaceful?
 - i. But what might you be giving up?

Respond: What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?