

## **Christmas at Seacoast: Part 2**

### **Small Group Questions: The Promise and Presence of Peace**

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#### **Read**

John 14: 27; Matthew 13: 16-17; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 25-32, 36-38; Matthew 6:31-34; Luke 19:8; Romans 10:9-10

#### **Reflect**

The Prince of Peace came to earth to dwell among us and give us the peace that can only come from heaven. Because of this, we can tether ourselves to something firm and immovable, something higher than our perspectives, something in the very throne room of heaven, so that no matter what is going on around us, we are anchored, safe, and secure.

Pastor Joel Delph discusses four ways that the presence of his peace can be received as a gift:

### **The Presence of His Peace**

#### **1. His Peace is a Personal Promise to You**

- a. In what ways have you seen God's personal pursuit of you?
- b. How does knowing of God's personal pursuit of you also reassure you that God's peace is for you?
- c. When have you felt unseen? How did you remind yourself of God's promises?

#### **2. His peace gives me provision.**

1. Are you allowing the peace of Christ to intersect with your struggles?
2. In what ways have you seen God show up in an area that previously worried you?

#### **3. His peace makes me a conduit of blessing.**

- a. How has your love for Jesus unlocked your generosity?
- b. Why do you think Zacchaeus felt compelled to give half of his possessions to the poor, and pay back anyone he cheated?
- c. What holds you back from blessing others? In what ways has God presented opportunity for you to bless others?

#### **4. His peace is a gift of our surrender.**

- a. As you look back on your life, can you think of examples that confirm surrender brings about peace in our lives?
- b. What have you gained by surrendering your plans to God?
- c. How would you describe the peace of God in your life?

**Respond** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?