SERMON SERIES: All I Want For Christmas...

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Sermon Title:

"Peace on Earth"

Introduction

We've kicked off our Christmas season and are now in week two of our series "All I Want For Christmas..." Last week we talked about the Good News, which is the gospel of Jesus Christ. We talked about sharing our faith because Jesus makes a difference. This week we get a chance to talk about how God provides peace to us both now and in heaven.

• When in your life have you felt most at peace? Where were you, and who was with you?

Seek the Word

Read Isaiah 9:6.

- What does this tell us about God's sovereignty?
- Who might the "us" be in this verse?

Read Luke 2:14.

- What does this verse tell us about who God is?
- What sort of "peace" do you think this verse refers to?
- How are God's love and His peace related?

Go Deeper

Do a short word study on the word "peace". Ask questions like, "what did this word originally mean?" and "where else does this word appear in the Bible?" This will help you have a better understanding of "peace" in our passage.

Talk About It

- Is Christmastime a peaceful season for you? Why or why not?
- How might your life look differently if you turned to God before other means of peace?
- What situations can you foresee in the near future as not peaceful? How you can be a peacemaker in those moments?
- This Christmas season, who is one person you can commit to showing the peace of God to?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Jesus' peace holds the power to change my life!

Challenge: This week, make a list near the end of each day of one or two ways you have seen God's peace in your life that day. Then, say a prayer of thanks for how God is working. Ask God to give you strength to be a peacemaker who shows others the love of Jesus.