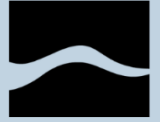


# SERMON NOTES

## THE PATH TO TRUE PEACE

Isaiah 9:6; Luke 23:32-46



BIG IDEA: True and lasting peace comes only through reconciliation with God, offered by Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

DECEMBER 8, 2024

## DISCUSS

What's your favorite image or idea of peace, and why does it resonate with you?

How does the Bible's definition of peace (shalom) differ from the world's idea of peace? (Isaiah 9:6, Luke 23:43)

Why is the criminal's response to Jesus on the cross significant, and how does it contrast with the other criminal's response? (Luke 23:39-43)

## APPLY

What are some ways you've seen conflict arise from the "my life, my rules" attitude in your life or relationships?

How can acknowledging your sin and surrendering to Jesus as the Prince of Peace change your perspective on current struggles?

In what area of your life do you need to seek God's peace today—inwardly, relationally, or through reconciliation with Him?

## COMMIT

What is one specific step you will take this week to live in the peace that Jesus offers? Consider memorizing one or more of the following passages this week.

- Isaiah 26:3 – "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."
- John 14:27 – "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
- Philippians 4:6-7 – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."