

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 12/7/2025

## Advent Week 2 • Peace

### Is Peace Environmental or Spiritual?

How do we mistakenly define peace as the absence of conflict or discomfort, and what happens when this definition depends on circumstances we cannot control?

### Empire Peace vs. Kingdom Peace

The sermon contrasted Roman peace—achieved through power, domination, and fear—with the peace Jesus brings. How do we still settle for “forced peace” today, in our homes, workplaces, or relationships?

### Letting Peace Rule: A Surrender Issue

Colossians 3:15 says to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. What does it practically look like to allow peace rather than try to manufacture it ourselves?

### Presence Over Escape

We often chase peace by escaping: vacations, naps, isolation, quiet moments. What is the difference between temporary relief and the lasting peace that comes through God’s presence?

### Relationship Requires Communication

The sermon emphasized that we can’t have peace through God if we don’t talk to Him or give Him space to speak through His Word. What practices in your life strengthen (or weaken) your relational connection with God?

### Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me stop trying to create peace on my own and instead surrender the places where I’m anxious, overwhelmed, or trying to stay in control. Teach me to allow Your presence to rule my heart and filter my thoughts, emotions, and reactions. Speak to me as I come before You, and help me recognize what truly matters and what I need to release into Your care. Amen.