

Missing Peace

Is Peace Even Possible in 2020?

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation. Open the gates to all who are righteous; allow the faithful to enter. You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock. Isaiah 26:1-4 NLT

... Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ... Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9 NLT

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- When you were a kid, what did you want most? What did you think would make you happiest?
- What's your favorite Christmas carol and why?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Have you ever experienced a battle for peace in your mind? What was that experience like?
- Peace isn't found in the absence of problems; it's found in the presence of God. Does that change your perception of what peace is and why it's important? If so, how?
- What are some thoughts that tend to consume your mind? What would fixing your mind on God and His promises change for you?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What problems or struggles have made it difficult for you to find peace recently?
- When facing those struggles, how can you pursue the peace that's found in God's presence?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You that, no matter what struggles we face in this life, we can find peace in Your presence. In You, we find ever-present rest and security. Help us to remember this truth and lean on You in the days ahead, knowing You'll give us the peace we need, in good and tough times. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Spend time in God's presence this week. Read God's Word, pray, or find some other way of spending time with Him.](#)
- Start the *Missing Peace* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/missingpeace
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend (www.life.church/serving) or with a Local Mission Partner (www.life.church/localmissions).