

A *light* in the Darkness

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The Light of Peace (Luke 2:8-18) Pastor Tim Peck A Light in the Darkness pt. 2

THE BIG IDEA

The light of peace dawned to the darkness of chaos through Jesus. Advent reminds us that peace on earth starts in heaven, that as followers of Jesus we are to seek peace and to share peace with others.

OPENING

- Where do you feel the most peaceful? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

- What do you make of the difference between the Greek and Latin words for peace (*eirene* and *pax*) meaning a ceasefire, and the Hebrew word for peace (*shalom*) which focuses on reconciliation and restoration? How are these two concepts of peace different?
- Pastor Tim cited a Roman inscription erected before the birth of Jesus that proclaimed that the Roman Emperor's birthday was good news of great joy for all people. How is this similar to Luke 2:10-11? Why do you think the angel would proclaim Christ's birth this way?
- What does Romans 12:18 say about peace? What are the two qualifications in this verse?
- Reread Luke 2:17-18. What did the shepherds do after seeing Jesus? How did people respond? Why do you think people responded this way?



PUTTING IT TO WORK

- What's one area of your life where you need to seek peace? Rather than try for the Roman concept of peace, spend time asking God how you might seek shalom peace. What do you sense God saying?

- Who can you share Christ's peace with this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS