



## Part 3: Regifting Peace

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### **During the Christmas season, people are searching for:**

#### **Peace in the moment**

They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. – 1 Peter 3:11

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6

### **What we truly desire:**

#### **Peace for a lifetime**

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. – Isaiah 26:3

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” – Matthew 2:1-2

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. – Matthew 2:11-12

**Gold: A gift fit for a king**

**Frankincense: A gift fit for an offering**

**Myrrh: A gift fit for a funeral**

## **The gifts of Jesus that secured our peace:**

A broken body

Spilled blood

## **What God desires:**

**Peace for all for the rest of eternity**

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. – Luke 2:14

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” – Isaiah 52:7

## **Next Steps**

Regift the peace that you’ve found in Jesus by inviting others to weekend services and to a Christmas Eve Service. Christmas Eve invitations are available in the Commons today.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Where do you go to escape the hustle and bustle of life?
- 2) Which name of God in Isaiah 9:6 is the most meaningful in your life right now? Why?
- 3) What gifts have you offered to Jesus this Christmas season?
- 4) What are some practical ways that you could regift peace this Christmas?
- 5) Are you praying for a Christmas miracle? Share it with the group and pray together in agreement for your miracle.
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

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