

PART 3: The Way of Peace

The Christmas season, with all its lights, parties, and shopping, can also spotlight the overwhelming struggles that we are facing. It is in these difficult seasons that God's peace settles into the middle of our chaos.

JOHN 14:22-31

DISCUSS

- Share some Christmas traditions and memories that you have from over the years.
- Jesus consistently connects love and obedience. How does this challenge you? In what ways does this reshape your view of love?
- <u>John 14:27</u> → Jesus clearly states that his peace is a gift he has offered for us. How have you experienced Jesus' peace in your life? And what is challenging about receiving this peace?
- Jesus also states that the peace he gives is vastly different from the world's. In what ways does the "world" define peace?
- Take a moment and read <u>Isaiah 9:6-7</u>. Process through the different names that Jesus is called. How does the manger shape and exemplify these names?

PRAY

Take a moment and pray for peace to settle into your life's challenging and chaotic moments. Pray also for a friend or family member who you know is navigating a difficult season, that they will experience God's peace.