

Presence*

Week 4 - Awakening Presence

Big Idea - Christ's presence in our lives awakens us to the peace that comes through knowing him and accepting His never-ending presence. It is his presence that casts out fear.

Discuss

Where are you and what are you doing when you feel most at peace?

In what area(s) of your life do you currently experience stress, fear, or anxiety? How has this prevented you from experiencing peace?

Have you ever felt your lack of peace contributes to a lack of peace in those around you? Explain.

Through Jesus, we are made right with God (justified). In his presence, we are continually made holy (sanctified). How does knowing that God is still working in you help you feel His peace?

Sometimes, just knowing someone is present can help us feel peace. In what way can focusing on Jesus' presence help you discover peace this Christmas?

What impact do you believe your personal experience of the peace of Christ this Christmas can have on your family, friends and loved ones?

House Church Leader Resources

Serve: Make a plan to serve together as a House Church in 2021. Plan out service projects for each quarter.

Play: Plan your first social event for 2021. Either online or in-person, make a plan to play together to start the new year.

Give: Make a group donation to our Advent offering for Amigos for Christ. Find out more at: weomaha.com/seasonofgiving.



ONLINE LEADER RESOURCES

weomaha.com/presence
weomaha.com/housechurch/leaders

Apply: Experiencing Peace

Take a moment to reflect on how you can experience peace in the following areas:

HOME::

WORK::

RELATIONSHIPS::

Bible Reading Plan - Week 4

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalms 80:1-7

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Week 4 Advent Reading The Candle of Peace

Read: Micah 5:2-5a

Lighting Of The Candle:

Today is our fourth Sunday of Advent. We eagerly anticipate the birth of Christ and the re-birth of Christ in our lives so that we may experience His gift of peace. As we gather in our homes and within this church to worship, let us come with our hands and hearts open. Open to the peace that comes through Christ's presence in our lives. Today, at a time in our lives that often feels anything but peaceful, we focus our attention on his presence. In the midst of all that surrounds us, He is here. Immanuel - God with us. Guiding us on this journey. Bringing peace to our hearts, peace into our lives. This morning we light the candles from previous weeks: the purple candles of hope and love and the pink candle of joy. And, we light this week's candle—the purple candle of peace. In the loneliness and stresses of life—may God help us experience peace. Our candles are lit, Peaceful One, and we are waiting with you.

Prayer:

Father, we pray -
Prince of Peace - take our burdens and give us rest. Wonderful Counselor - show us the way to peace. You are God and Your peace surpasses all understanding. Guard our hearts and our minds. Teach us once again Your presence is greater than our struggles. Give us Your Peace.
Amen.

Journaling:

Prayer Requests: