

Peace

(Inklings Advent Series – Part IV)

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1. Talk about the relationship between fear (or confusion) and peace and then read 1 John 4:18 and discuss how that fits in.

2. There are currently 30 – 40 wars underway and Pastor Steve threw out the number 15, 600 conflicts about which we have some information over the history of civilization. Given that kind of history, what chance does peace have of taking hold?

3. Pastor Steve made the brash statement that "you can only fear one thing at a time". Does this make any sense to you? Can you give examples in support of or counter to this?

4. Who needs peace? Why?

5. What is peace?

6. How does peace work? (see Luke 2:13-14 & John 14:25-27)

7. What is our role in bringing peace to the world? (see Phil. 4:4-7)

8. Pastor Steve used the analogy that Christianity is not the bread pan of life, but the yeast. What does that mean to you in the context of peace?

9. How is the peace of Christ the peace in which the person most offended takes the first step?

10. So the benediction is to go into peace, not go in peace. What is the difference, and why would we say “go into peace”?