



UPSTATE GROUP LEADER GUIDE

The Peace of Christ |

December 8 |

John 14:27

Things to Know

Christmas Night of Worship

December 15 - [Click Here for Details!](#)

Christmas Eve Services

December 23-24 - [Click Here for Details!](#)

Mission Link

January 5 - [Click Here for Details!](#)

Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

Read

Read **John 14: 1-31** and make observations about the text. (THE KEY VERSE IS VERSE 27!)

- What is God teaching us in the passage?
 - What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
 - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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Sermon Recap

- Whether you realize it or not, you desperately need peace in your life because the natural state of things in a broken world is strife, chaos, panic, and problems.
 - The world is not capable of delivering peace, only Jesus Christ can do that.
 - Being connected to Christ and the peace that he gives produces a confidence in the life of Christians. Christ **COMMANDS** confidence in a world of uncertainty.
 - The peace that Christ offers is a sure bet because he conquered sin, death, and the grave, and rose with a greeting of peace (John 20:19)
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Discussion Questions

1. **John 14:1-3:** Jesus tells His disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." How does His promise of preparing a place for us in His Father's house provide peace in times of uncertainty?
 2. **John 14:6:** Jesus declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." How does understanding Christ as the only way to God offer peace in a world with competing truths?
 3. **John 14:16-17:** Jesus promises to send the Helper, the Holy Spirit. How does the Holy Spirit bring peace to believers today, and how can we rely on His presence in our lives?
 4. **John 14:27:** Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." How is the peace Jesus offers different from the peace the world gives, and how can we experience this peace in daily life?
 5. **John 14:30-31:** Jesus acknowledges the coming of the ruler of this world but declares His obedience to the Father. How does Christ's victory over the world and His example of obedience bring us peace amidst spiritual battles?
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Scripture

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?

Christmas is a reminder not simply that Christ has come, but that Christ has not come empty-handed. Jesus Christ comes bearing gifts. In the Christmas season, we typically get so focused on gift-giving that we do not take adequate time to focus on receiving the gifts that Christ has delivered to us. John 14 is a reminder that Christ intends to give us peace!

What do you need to change in your life to more intentionally walk in the peace that Jesus Christ offers his people?

How can you spread the peace of Christ in the world to people who so desperately need it?

Optional Breakout Questions

Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:

1. How did you feed yourself?
 - *(What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)*
2. How did you feed others?
 - *(How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)*
3. How did you feed your flesh?
 - *(What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)*

Leader Resources

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