

Group Conversation Guide Week of December 4, 2025

Series: Come, Lord Jesus

Title: Our Peace

BEFORE YOUR MEETING

- Attend or watch Pastor Mark Ragsdale's message. churchatviera.com/live
- Pray that your group will see peace as a Person (Jesus), not a feeling we manufacture.

BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

Icebreaker:

Think of a place, activity, or moment in life that helped you feel calm or peaceful. Why did it help you?

Focus: Jesus is the promised Shepherd & King who brings lasting peace, not by removing all trouble, but by ruling our hearts in the midst of it.

Bottom Line: Peace is not the absence of problems; peace is the presence and leadership of Christ.

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STUDY TOGETHER

Read Micah 5:1–5

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Reread Micah 5:1 - Peace is promised in the midst of conflict

- What circumstances in Israel make this message difficult to believe?
- Why does God often speak peace before conditions improve?

- Where in your life are you asking God for peace while the situation still feels stressful or unresolved?

Reread Micah 5:2 - God brings peace through unlikely places

- How has God brought peace into your life in ways or through people you didn't expect?
- What does this teach us about Jesus' peace coming through humility rather than power or performance?

Reread Micah 5:4–5 - Jesus shepherds His people and He Himself is our peace

- What do you picture when you hear Jesus shepherds us? (strength? guidance? protection?)
- Micah says Jesus doesn't just give peace, He **is** our peace. How does letting Jesus lead, instead of trying to control outcomes, become the doorway to peace?

RECEIVING PEACE: SIX ACTIONS OF FAITH

Action #1: Repent & Return

Read Acts 3:20

- I need to repent and return to God so that I can receive refreshment.
- Where do you need to turn back toward God to receive His peace instead of trying to fix life on your own?

Action #2: Trust Completely

Read Isaiah 26:3

- God keeps in perfect peace those who trust Him.
- What is one specific situation where you need to trust God's character, not your control?

Action #3: Fix Your Thoughts on God's Power

- I need to focus on what God can do, not what I can or cannot do.
- What would change in your thinking if you truly believed God is able?

Action #4: Replace Worry with Worship, Panic with Prayer

Read Philippians 4:6–7

- How have you seen worship and gratitude silence anxiety?

Action #5: Let Christ Lead

Read Matthew 11:28–29

- Peace comes when I let Christ lead every area of my life.
- What part of your life are you still carrying instead of letting Jesus lead (relationships, finances, decisions, emotions, time)?

Action #6: Learn from Christ

Read Matthew 11:29

- I need to learn from Christ how to deal with difficulties.
- What do you think Jesus wants to teach you in your current struggle?

WORSHIP TOGETHER

O Little Town of Bethlehem or He Will Hold Me Fast or Be Still (Elevation Worship)

https://youtu.be/Vd_b3RYRrCA?si=iVa6tx7gH2SwuFyb

PRAY TOGETHER

- Pray that we would receive Jesus as our peace, not just desire peaceful feelings.
- Ask God to shepherd each person's heart and mind.
- "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."