

# JESUS!

## WEEK #1: PRINCE OF PEACE

### INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. But why is it that when it comes around each year, we tend to celebrate everything but that. How would our celebration look different if it were centered around the meaning of the season? This Christmas at NewSpring, we're blocking everything else out, so we can truly celebrate Jesus! This week we're talking about Jesus as the Prince of Peace and the peace he offers each of us.

#### Scripture:

Matthew 1:20-21 NLT, Isaiah 9:6 NIV, John 14:27 NLT, Psalm 34:8 NIV, Mark 4:38-41 NIV, Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV, Romans 5:9-10 NIV

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**ICEBREAKER:** Are you an *early* Christmas person? Share why or why not?

1. What is your favorite Christmas carol? Why?
2. Where have you attempted to find peace in the past? Career? Bank account? Relationships? Social status?
3. Often, we give power to the storms in our lives because of fear instead of trusting in Jesus, Who has power over the storm. Has there been a "storm" in your life that has kept you from resting in Jesus and the peace of mind He provides?
4. When it comes to having peace with others, do you struggle to fight your battles with kindness instead of hostility?
5. Jesus made a way for us to have peace with God. Have you accepted Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? If so, share some of your story. If not, ask your group leader how you can begin a relationship with Jesus.

### TAKEAWAYS

#### **BOTTOM LINE:**

Because of Jesus, we can have peace of mind, peace with others, and peace with God.

1. What is your biggest takeaway from this weekend's message? Why?
2. Spend some time together in prayer as a group. Pray that you would experience peace of mind and peace with others this week and for opportunities to share the hope of Jesus so others can experience the peace of God