

QUESTIONS FROM THE PATH SERMON  
“PEACE...strength to hold on”  
Advent Series: A Life-giving Christmas

What is your worst Christmas memory?

What signs are in the world today that peace on earth is not happening?

Read Luke 2:13-14 in different translations. Why do some say, “Peace on earth, good will to men” and others say, “peace on earth, to men on whom God’s favor rests”? How would an understanding of God’s grace influence the translation?

What is your understanding of the meaning of “peace” in this passage? What is the meaning of Shalom/peace? . **According to Strong’s Concordance, Shalom can mean: Completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.** Shalom-peace is descriptive of the New Creation (the new heaven and new earth). What do you know of the “New Earth/New Creation”?

How is the angelic message of peace connected with Jesus’ birth in the big picture of God’s plan? How is this peace present and future in God’s Vision of the New Creation?

Where do we see the peace of God breaking out even in *un-peaceful* places and situations?

How does a person find peace with God?

How do we find peace in times of turmoil in our life? Read Philippians 4:6-7. What is the “peace that passes all understanding”? How can this peace help us in our emotional and thought life?

How can we be “peacemakers” during Christmas? How can we be an Un-anxious Presence in the midst of chaos?