



**We long for peace when we experience brokenness.**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**Jesus came so all people can call upon God and trust in Him.**

<sup>19</sup> When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup> Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. <sup>21</sup> Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. <sup>22</sup> Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

Isaiah 8:19-22 (NIV)

**We ignore God when we turn to broken solutions to find peace in our distress, fear, or gloom.**

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress... <sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (NIV)

**The Hebrew meaning for peace (shalom): to be well, complete, or whole.**

- **Peace is the outcome of God's salvation.**
- **God's heart and plan is to establish His Kingdom of peace through justice and righteousness from the work of the Prince of Peace.**

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 52:13-53:5 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Jesus is God's solution to give me peace and the hope that I will be made whole.**

**Every attribute of God can be seen in the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.**



**Jesus reveals that I can trust:**

- The **wisdom** of the **Wonderful Counselor**.
- The **power** of the **Almighty God**.
- The **faithful, loving care** of the **Everlasting Father**.
- The **salvation** of the **Prince of Peace**.

<sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. <sup>4</sup> Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

Isaiah 26:3-4 (NIV)

**Scripture and prayer turn our attention toward our solution.**

**When we pray with others, we share our hope in Jesus, the Prince of Peace.**

**Prayer: Father, help my friend trust in Jesus and keep him/her in perfect peace.**



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**TEACHING SUMMARY:**

Brokenness leaves us in distress, in pain, and in despair. That can leave us hopeless. In our brokenness, who or what we turn to first is likely who or what we trust in most to bring us the peace we hope to have.

Jesus Christ came into our world to be the Prince who would establish God's Kingdom of peace through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus is the suffering servant who Isaiah prophesies will come and rescue Israel.

Jesus Christ took upon Himself the punishment for sin so He could be our Prince of Peace.

The Prince of Peace gives us a gift of perfect peace. This is a salvation that makes us whole in mind, body, and spirit. While our lives may be broken and we face many kinds of suffering, we can have peace that comes from the wonderful counsel of God and His mighty power. He is a faithful loving Everlasting Father.

Jesus is God's solution to give you peace and make you whole.

**TALK-IT-OVER:**

How have you seen others or how have you tried to find peace outside of God?

Where in your life do you need peace?

What keeps you from allowing God to bring His peace into that area of your life?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1) John 14:26-27

Day 2) Isaiah 48:17-19

Day 3) Psalm 23:1-6, 85:8

Day 4) Colossians 3:12-16

Day 5) James 3:13-18

Day 6) Proverbs 3:13-17