



Prince of Peace - Andrea DeCook

Icebreaker:

1. What is your favorite holiday food?
2. Do you have a special holiday ornament?

Summary:

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, who enters our chaos to bring true *shalom*—wholeness, restoration, and hope. Through His example, we learn to become peacemakers who slow down, choose curiosity, and move toward others with courageous, costly love.

Engage the Bible:

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- John 8:2-11

Small Group Questions:

- Which part of the Advent season feels the hardest or heaviest for you, and how does the idea of “waiting in the dark” resonate with your own life right now?
- Isaiah’s prophecy names Jesus as the Prince of Peace. What part of His peace—guidance, strength, presence, or restoration—do you need most in this season?
- In your own life, where do you notice the difference between peacekeeping (keeping things calm) and peacemaking (bringing real wholeness)?
- Jesus slows down in a tense, high-conflict moment in John 8. Where might you need to practice that kind of pause—emotionally, relationally, or even spiritually?
- What would choosing curiosity over condemnation look like in a challenging relationship or situation you’re currently facing?
- Peacemaking requires movement toward others with courageous love. What is one small, tangible step you sense God inviting you to take this week?