

Pastor Tom Kang *pt2: Peace*

Icebreakers: Raise your hand if you've not done any Christmas shopping yet... Who has traditionally been the easiest as well as the most challenging person to find gifts for in your life and why?

1. Pastor Tom shared his story about losing peace over what turned out to be only a cracked screen protector on his watch (and not the actual watch, itself). What situation in your own life might you be over-complicating or stressing about unnecessarily, rather than resting on what is true?

2. Spend a moment reading aloud these same passages of peace read over you this past Sunday: Psalm 29:11; Psalm 34:14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 26:3; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:16. What is the one element that sticks out to you most from this exercise? And what is one element you are willing to pursue deeper from these passages?

3. Discuss the following quote from author, Max Lucado: "The more we focus on our circumstances, the less we focus on God's presence. And His presence is our peace."

4. The sermon emphasized that "Peace is about PRESENCE, not just presents." How does this perspective challenge most of the world's typical approach to the Christmas season? Consider also John 14:27.

5. The Israelites were offered the Promised Land without God's presence. What "blessings" might you be pursuing or enjoying that lack God's presence? Is it worth having success without God's peace?

6. Three practical next steps were offered towards the end of the sermon: *Check Your Definition of Success, Examine Your Source of Peace, and Create Your "Tent of Meeting."* Which of these resonates most with you right now and why?

This coming Saturday (Dec 14) we have another wonderful opportunity to love our neighbors in Jesus' name. Please consider donating and/or volunteering using the QR code below. Blessing to & through you!





