



# CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes December 9, 2018

## Keyverse

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:13-14

# Heaven Taking Over

*Heaven on Earth series*

*True peace is much more than the absence of conflict. True peace is also the presence of freedom and joy and love and respect and compassion. That's what Jesus came to give us.*

1. What are you looking forward to most this Christmas season? Why?
  
2. How much *peace* do you think the average person experiences through the holidays? What can take away our peace this time of year? What can give us peace?
  
3. What's the difference between a peace generated by time off work or good time with family and a deeper, lasting peace—peace of heart? What gives us that kind of peace?
  
4. Read Luke 2:8-15. Of all the things the “great company” of angels could have said in this historic moment, why do you think they spoke about God's glory and our peace? What does it say about us? What does it say about Jesus' coming to earth as our Savior, Messiah, and Lord?
  
5. What about you? How can you experience genuine, lasting peace this holiday season? How can you encourage that kind of peace in the lives of others around you? Note how these verses speak to that.
  - Isaiah 9:6-7—
  
  - John 14:27—
  
  - Romans 5:1-2—
  
  - Philippians 4:4-9—