

Sermon Discussion Questions: Longing for Peace(Psalm 122)
Advent Week 2: December 8, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. What are some ways that the advent season can bring anxiety, tension in relationships, and disturbance of peace?

3. How can the different elements of the worship service and God's people gathering for worship bring a deeper peace to your busy and anxious heart? Consider particular parts of the service and how they might help restore peace: The Prelude, the Greeting, The Call to Worship, Hymns, The Prayer of Adoration/Confession, The Assurance of Pardon/Acclamation of Praise, The Fellowship of the Peace of Christ, The Sermon, The Pastoral Prayer, The Offering, The Benediction.

4. Psalm 122 reveals four blessings of peace: security, unity, forgiveness and justice. Of these four longings, which one do you feel most deeply now and how does Christ the King grant these good gifts of peace? Read the following verses which clarify how Christ brings these four blessings of peace: Security (Hebrews 1:3 & Colossians 1:16-17), Unity (Ephesians 2:11-16), Forgiveness (Colossians 2:13-15), Justice (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

5. Take a moment and pray for peace for each person in the group, for peace among the church, the nation and the world. Ask one another for particular prayer request regarding their own desire for peace. Pray for the church that God would preserve unity around the vision and mission of the church. Pray for peace in conflicted friendships, marriages, and parental relationships with son, daughter, or grandchildren. Pray for peace in the nation and the world regarding political strife, warring nations, terrorism, ethnocentrism, etc.

Prayerfully read through Malachi/Luke verses this week.

- **Adoration:** Read and adore God for His great character and kingdom clarified in the verse.
- **Meditation:** Read and consider key phrases, prepositions, people, plots, connections, and redemptive themes.
- **Confession:** Read and confess ways you don't reflect God's character and kingdom in the verse.
- **Thanksgiving:** Read and give thanks for God's grace, forgiveness, and help in or around the verse.
- **Supplication:** Read and seek God's guidance in applying the text. Write down application.

12/8 Psalm 122
12/9 Malachi 3:6-15
12/10 Malachi 3:16-18
12/11 Malachi 4
12/12 Luke 1:1-4
12/13 Luke 1:5-25
12/14 Psalm 110