

Connect Group Discussion Guide

- What is the difference between "peace" and "happiness" and "hope" from your perspective? How do each of these show up in your life?
- 2. What are some things that can work against the peace of God within you? Note: After the group shares the answers to this question, read the Philippians verses, then ask "What do these verses mean to you?"
- 3. The path to hope is described in this passage shows that Jesus' eyes were not on Himself, but on God. He humbled Himself in obedience to God. How do you think you (and others) can live out this humility and obedience to God each day?
- 4. There are three ways we can foster the peace of God in our lives: through Jesus, with the patterns of our lives, and by intentionally humbling ourselves. How do you think you can do these three things in your life?
- 5. Create a time of sharing in your group about peace: ask things along the lines of what brings them peace, what takes away their peace, how they pursue peace, how they think they personally find/get peace, and whether having a relationship with Christ has made a difference in their peace of mind. Intentional, purposeful discussion time allows the conversation to flow organically and give attendees the opportunity to express themselves in a more free-flowing way.

NOTE: Leader - listen actively and carefully to what is being shared during this time. Let the answers guide how you tailor your interactions and studies with the group. You are God's hands, feet, and voice during this time. Allow Him to use you as you participate in His activity in the lives of those in your group. Series: Manger Things; Making the Manger the Main Thing "Path of Hope" Week of December 19, 2021

Main Idea

Hope is found in humility.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud: Philippians 2:5-11

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon:
Tue:
Wed:
Thu:
Fri:
Sat:
Sun:

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.