

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, by recommending them, we are not giving a blanket endorsement to the author or every sentence you'll read. The only perfect person is Jesus and the only perfect book is the Bible so as you read these, practice discernment. In other words, "chew the meat and spit out the bones"!

- Sarah Young - *Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence*
teen and children's versions of this book are also available
- Joe Blustin & Casey Corum - *Emmanuel* (song)
Available on "Spirit Burn" by Vineyard Worship UK. Purchase the CD or get the MP3 at vineyardresources.com or call 800.852.8463
- Max Lucado - *A Gentle Thunder: Hearing God Through the Storm*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

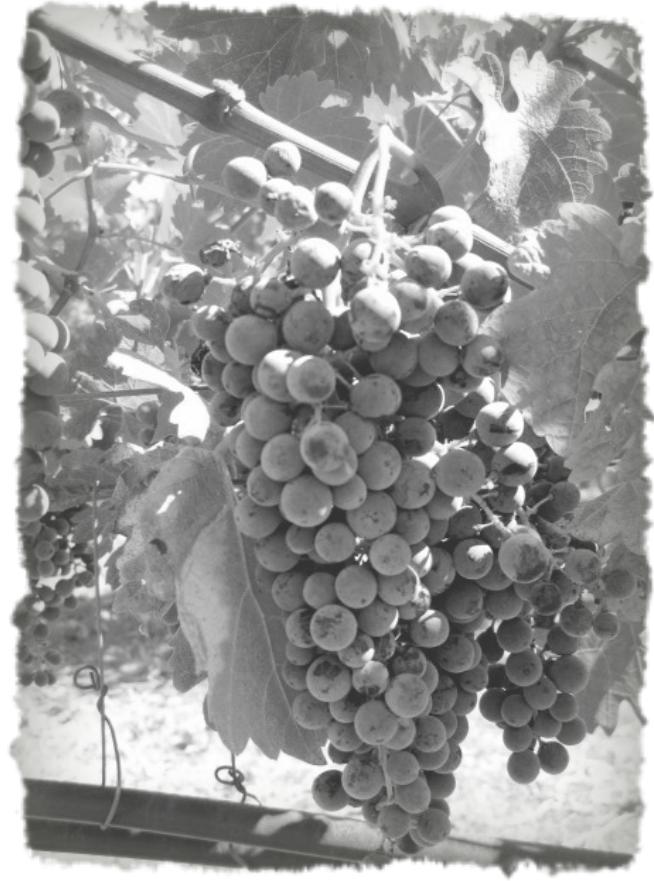
includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

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CHURCH



Birth of the Prince of Peace

4th Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

Birth of the Prince of Peace

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker - Describe a time in your life when you felt an incredible peace. It could have been when things were going great or when everything seemed to be going wrong all at once.
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:7. What are some things people (you?) tend to be anxious about? Think in terms of the various roles in a person's life: friend, child, employee, parent, spouse, neighbor, citizen of a country, etc.? (e.g., what are some things employees tend to be anxious about related to their job or place of employment?)
4. Read John 16:33 and Matthew 28:20. The fact that "God — the Prince of Peace - is with us" does not mean you won't face any storms in life. But it does mean while you're in a storm, it is possible to experience a supernatural peace. What are your thoughts on this? Has this ever happened to you? If yes, share it with the group.
5. Read Joshua 1:9. What are some things going on in your life right now where you need strength and courage because you may be feeling discouraged, afraid, or agitated? How would your perspective about these circumstances change if you truly believed deep, deep down that the "God of peace" is really with you?
6. Keeping in mind Dan's story about his daughter Elizabeth watching the Lions game on TV, what are some practical things you can do to keep "the Lion of Judah" (Jesus) on "the screen" of your life?
7. Read Matthew 1:23. How would your life be different if you kept the truth of this verse at the forefront of your mind? Namely that Jesus is Immanuel - God with us! (and according to Matthew 28:20 He continues to be "with us"!)

On New Year's Eve, Dan will be preaching one final sermon in our Peace on Earth series. May God use it to bring "Shalom" (the peace of God that surpasses understanding) into your life as you begin 2018. See you Sunday Dec. 31st at 10:30am.

Key Passage:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us"). - Matthew 1:23 (NIV)