



NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER  
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**PEACE IN THE WAITING**  
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**2. Jesus, my Hope, brings a peace that \_\_\_\_\_ me.**

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### CONNECT

Where do you feel most peaceful? (Ocean, mountains, on a walk, etc.)

### ENGAGE

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

### GROW

1. When you hear the word hope, what does it usually mean to you—wishful thinking, confidence, or something deeper? How has that changed as you think about “hope having a name—Jesus”?
2. Where in your life do you feel the most “in-between” or stuck waiting right now—and how does that waiting affect your peace?
3. The message points out that Jesus’ birth wasn’t very peaceful on the outside. Can you think of a time when your circumstances were chaotic, but you still felt a deep sense of peace? Or the opposite—when everything looked fine, but you weren’t at peace inside?
4. Shalom means “nothing broken, nothing missing.” If your life were that puzzle, where does it feel like pieces are missing or not quite fitting right?
5. Jesus says He gives us His peace, not the world’s version of peace. What do you think the difference is between those two? How have you seen this play out personally?

### LEAD (YOURSELF)

If Jesus truly is your Prince of Peace, what would it look like this week to step more fully under His leadership instead of trying to manage everything yourself? What’s one small, practical step you could take?