

TALK IT OVER

HEAVEN IS HERE

BOTTOM LINE

Heaven came to earth.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's your all-time favorite gift you ever got for Christmas? The favorite you ever gave? If you had \$10,000 to gift to an organization for Christmas, what one would get it and why?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear? What do you think? What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- This video with Craig Groeschel is about <u>Disappointment Marring</u> Peace at Christmas

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17 NIV

Righteousness is a relationship and a lifestyle. Righteousness simply means being right with God.

God doesn't want you to live another year without peace. He wants you to have peace with God, peace within, and peace with others.

Happiness is completely connected to what's happening to us in the external circumstances of our lives. Joy is unrelated to what's happening to us on the outside.

"Peace is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be alright, and the determined choice to praise Him in all things."

– Kay Warren

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We now have the power to make the right choices about our relationships and lifestyles. How do we access this power?

Peace means more than the ending of hostilities. How? Peace flows from the Source, not the situation. What does that mean?

Are you most needing heaven to come to you with right living, peace, or joy this Christmas? Explain and pray together.

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

This Christmas week I will spend time with the One from heaven and open my heart and life to new righteousness, peace, and joy.

My Action Step: _		