



CHRISTMAS

at Celebration



CLOSER LOOK: 12.18.2022

CELEBRATION'S ADVENT: PEACE

SCRIPTURES: Luke 1:79, Luke 2:14, Isaiah 57:20-21, Romans 8:5-8, Romans 14:17, 1 Cor. 14:33, Luke 10:38-42, John 1:11

Ice Breaker: Go around the room and ask everyone this question: When a warning light comes up on your car dashboard, do you pull over and find out what's wrong, or do you power through and just get to your destination?

Message Notes:

1. When we are worried and bothered by many things, like Martha, 2 things suffer
 - Our faith suffers
 - Our family suffers

2. Mary's peace came by being....

- Single Minded (Phil.3:13-14)
- Simple (2 Cor.11:3)
- Silent (Ex.14:4, James 1:19)
- Scriptural (Ps.119:130)
- Still (Ps.62:5)
- Surrendered (Luke 1:38)

Questions:

1. In the world we live in today, it's easy to be worried and bothered by many things. When we allow this, how does our faith suffer? What are some ways it can affect our family?
2. In Pastor Joe's message, he mentions the warning light on his car dashboard going on and continuing to drive instead of pulling over. What is a "warning" light that is likely to go off when we lack peace? What should we do?
3. In Luke 10 we read how Mary makes decisions that allow her to have peace. What are some intentional things you need to do this Christmas in order for you to have a "Mary Christmas" instead of a "Martha Christmas"??

Prayer:

Father, thank you that you are the Prince of Peace. Thank you that we have peace with You and that You provide the peace we need in this world. Help us to be like Mary and make choices that keep us from being distracted from our relationship and intimacy with you. This Christmas let others see in us the peace that only you can provide. Amen.

What's Coming Up:

- **DECEMBER 23-24** - Christmas Eve Services
- **DEC 25** - Christmas Service on Demand
- **JAN 4-7** - Pursuit Week
- <https://rock.celebration.church/events>