



# SPX Small Groups

*Life is Better Together*



## Missing Peace – Week 2

December 7, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

1. How do images of the earth from space help us realize our interconnectedness? Does feeling connected to other people bring you peace? Why or why not?
2. Do you ever find differences (e.g., race, gender, ethnicity, age, orientation, ideology) divide rather than unite you with others? What helps you overcome that separation?
3. Read the gospel ([Matthew 3:1-12](#)). John the Baptist is asking us to examine our attitudes.
  - a. When are you most tempted to ask, “What’s in it for me?” and forget about what will benefit all of us. When does this me-first attitude become sinful?
  - b. Where do you most cling to resentment, judgment, or fear?
  - c. Why would awareness of your sins help make you more open to Jesus’ message?
4. How does the biblical idea of “shalom” extend beyond a sense of inner calm? What else does it include?
5. Share a time when you have acted as a peacemaker. How did you resolve a tense situation or restore a relationship?
6. What is something specific you can do this week to be a peacemaker (e.g., forgive, heal old wounds, care for the forgotten, surrender pride, choose patience, let go of anger, listen rather than argue, speak truth to power)?
7. How can you more fully live out the truth that “It’s not us versus them. It’s just us”?