

**Study Questions** (Optional – time and desire allowing)

Where in the Bible does the first promise of a future deliverer appear?

How many specific prophecies can you find in the Old Testament that talk about Jesus' birth?

Which part of the Christmas story intrigues or affects you the most? Why?  
(Gabriel speaking to Mary, the near-divorce, the journey to Bethlehem, the tale of the shepherds, the search for room to lodge, the birth in a stable, the journey of the wise men, etc.)

**Memorization Challenge Reminder**

For those of you who have committed to memorizing the book of Ephesians, this is just a friendly reminder to keep at it!



***The Prince of Peace***  
***Ephesians 2:14-18***

**Looking Closer at the Passage**

**14-16** What is the difference between Jesus bringing our peace and Him being our peace?

How was the law a form of enmity, not just between man and God, but between Jew and Gentile?

What types of “dividing walls” do we need to guard against building between different kinds of people today?

When the Bible says that Jesus made “both” into “one,” does that erase all racial and cultural distinctions in the church, or should the church celebrate cultural diversity?

Do you think Valley Bible Church is succeeding in being a place that models the unifying effects of the Gospel? Why or why not?

**17-18** Are there any differences between the message of peace preached to those who are “far away,” and those who are “near?”

What role does the Holy Spirit play in giving us access to the Father, and how should we take advantage of that privilege in our regular spiritual habits?

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ Peace (14a)

➤ Christ \_\_\_\_\_ (14b-15a)

➤ Christ brings \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_  
(15b-16)

➤ Christ brought \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ (17-18)

**Notes:**