

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

November 19, 2023 | Hope Lives

EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. Mark your calendars to celebrate [Christmas at Southridge](#) on Sunday, December 24th at 10:30am in our St. Catharines and Welland locations, and at 4:00pm in our Vineland location.
2. Icebreaker: When do you start listening to Christmas music (if at all)?
3. What was the most peaceful part of your week? What was the least peaceful part of your week?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you most in [this week's service](#)? What inspired you? What challenged you? Feel free to watch the [message recap](#) with your group to review the big ideas of the message.
2. What normally comes to mind when you imagine peace? How would you define it? What did we learn in Sunday's message about the vision of "shalom"? How can this expand our view of peace?
3. [Isaiah 32:16-18](#) describes what things are or will be like when *shalom* is embraced and experienced. Read this passage in [The Voice](#) and [Good News Translation](#). What words or phrases catch your attention? What makes this vision different or broader than our common understanding of peace?
4. Read [John 14:27](#). What do you think Jesus might be referring to when he says: "I do not give to you as the world gives"? How can we open ourselves to receiving more of the peace of Jesus in our lives?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. Where do you long for more of the peace of Jesus (shalom) in your life?
2. Consider reading [the Beatitudes of Jesus](#) everyday this week. Commit this line to memory: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*
3. Conclude your time by praying for peace together. Share where you sense you long to make peace these days. Pray for parts of our world that need peace these days. Invite Jesus to help us all grow as peacemakers in whatever situation and relationships God places us.