

# NOTES ON TODAY'S TOPIC.

## Isaiah 61: Peace, peace, to those far and near.

### The mission of God is to bring peace (v18-21)

Building the road to peace:

1 = the bridge (Isaiah 53:5)

2 = clearing the way for people to get to the bridge (14)

### What causes obstacles to peace?

#### 1 a failure of leadership 56:10-11

#### 2 a failure of understanding (v1 & 11)

no one ponders the signs that things not right:

- weary (v10)

- in dread and fear (v11)

#### 3 a failure of dependency

- perceived righteousness and works (v12)

- idols (v13)

### How do we find peace?

#### 1. Allow God into our life

- the lofty God is with people (v15)

#### 2. Make room for God in your life v15

- the contrite and lowly God's peace will revive and revive

### Do you know rest?

Rejoice that God is with you

Make time for God to revive you

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## Questions for further thought

Life Groups all meet together this week for our monthly prayer gathering:

**JC Powerpoint is this Tuesday at 7pm**

Some questions to think about:

- what are some evidences that people are striving to know peace in their lives but lack the reality of rest that God offers?
- what message does our culture teach us which is an obstacle to peace?
- what are people devoted to in their search for peace (idols such as career success, wealth & possessions, relationships etc.)? What sort of peace do they promise to deliver and actually deliver?
- what difference will it make this week to know that the God of peace is with you? Meditate on Jesus' words in John 14.
- How can you make time this week to hear God's message of peace and be revived by his peace? Meditate on Colossians 3:12-17