





d. As you read the quote above, do the descriptive words offer you a different perspective of peace (**shalom**)?

4. Jesus is inviting us into something more, His invitation to His disciples is the same gift to us.

a. Why do we read this passage but overlook the invitation? *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:6-7

b. How can we find comfort in the passage below? What is the power represented in these verses and why does it matter? *Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world?* 1 John 4:4

c. What have you tried to fix through your own strength? What is keeping you from allowing the Holy Spirit and His power to transform you and your circumstances?

d. As we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate birth and new life and yet the *Prince of Peace* died on a cross (and was resurrected) to make lasting peace possible. How will your life reflect His gift of hope, peace, love and joy to the world?

### Making it Real

- In what parts of your life do you need to experience **shalom**?
- In Isaiah 9:6 the Baby in the manger is called **The Prince of Peace**.  
Will you allow Him to carry out that role in your life?

**A place** to JOURNAL and REFLECT on your thoughts and prayers:

