

## Week Two: The Gift of Peace with God

### OPENING

- If you could start by eliminating only one evil situation in the world, where would you start? Why would bringing peace to that place be important to you?

### STUDY

- Read Isaiah 2:1-5.
- Notice that the heading of Isaiah 2 says the chapter describes what Isaiah "saw". What do you see in your mind's eye as you read this passage?
- What or where is the "house of the God of Jacob"? What do the people receive there? Is this gift restricted to that location? Explain.
- What role(s) will God play among the nations? In what ways do you see this prophecy being fulfilled in our time?
- What might be a modern day example of 'beating swords into plowshares'?
- Why do you think plowshares and pruning hooks are used to describe a change in attitude towards war and aggression? Do these references remind you of any other passages of Scripture?
- Notice that v5 is an invitation. How does this invitation include you and me? How might accepting that invitation change the way you walk through this next week, month, year?

### PRAY

- Pray together, asking God for the gift of peace as we learn to walk in his light!

### Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

#### *The Mountain of the Lord*

*1 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:*

*2 In the last days*

*the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established*

*as the highest of the mountains;  
it will be exalted above the hills,  
and all nations will stream to it.*

*3 Many peoples will come and say,*

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,*

*to the temple of the God of Jacob.*

*He will teach us his ways,*

*so that we may walk in his paths."*

*The law will go out from Zion,*

*the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*

*4 He will judge between the nations*

*and will settle disputes for many peoples.*

*They will beat their swords into plowshares*

*and their spears into pruning hooks.*

*Nation will not take up sword against nation,*

*nor will they train for war anymore.*

*5 Come, descendants of Jacob,*

*let us walk in the light of the Lord.*