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PEACE IN PIECES

Peace (_____) = _____ / _____

When you think about _____, think about _____
_____ (like a _____). Josh. 8:31; Job 5:24;
1 Kings 9:25; Prov. 16:27

3 Pieces of Puzzling

We are always _____
_____. Eccles. 2:1-8, 18-23

What are you trying to recreate?

We can only _____ on one area _____
_____. Ps. 77:2-9; Hab. 1:2-4

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puzzle. 1 Kings 19:3-10; John 18:15-27

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Phil. 4:4-7

What is _____ if we are _____
_____? Matt. 11:28-30; Luke 5:29-32

Is it really _____ if we cannot openly share about
our _____? 2 Cor. 12:8-10

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What thought from the message stands out most to you?

How do you think most people define peace? Prior to this message, what words or ideas would you most typically associate with peace?

What is impactful about the biblical idea and imagery of wholeness/completeness behind the word we translate as "peace"?

How does attempting to put together a complex puzzle relate to how we try to find or create peace in our lives? (Talk through an idea from the "3 Pieces of Puzzling" section.)

Does the Christmas season remind you of anything painful in your life, particularly as you hear about peace? What are some of those things?

What type of pressure exists to look like we have peace/have it all together? How can we change that for ourselves, our church, and people that come into our church community looking for peace?

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3 Pieces of Puzzling

We are always WORKING TO REPLICATE SOMETHING. Eccles. 2:1-8, 18-23

What are you trying to recreate?

We can only FIXATE on one area FOR SO LONG. Ps. 77:2-9; Hab. 1:2-4

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What is WHOLENESS if we are NOT ABLE TO ADMIT OUR BROKENNESS? Matt. 11:28-30; Luke 5:29-32

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