

## Dec. 6 – Small Group Questions – Advent 3 - Peace

### Read Psalm 85

1. The biblical definition of peace is multifaceted and it can mean wholeness or completeness. In verses 1-7 of Psalm 85, what are some of the elements of peace on which the psalmist touched?
2. In verses 8-9, the psalmist calls to mind the time when God was close to His people and when His voice could be heard as in the days of Moses. How do we feel God's presence in our lives and hear His voice in our present times?
3. In verses 10-13, the psalmist imagined peace as a reunion of all virtue on earth as in the time of original creation in Eden. Peace is the enmeshing and weaving together of heaven and earth. While peace in this sense is God's divine work, how and in what ways can we participate in God's work of peace on earth?
4. **Read John 14:25-27.** Jesus leaves His peace with us in the form of the Holy Spirit. God's peace begins within us when God weaved Himself into our hearts and bodies. How does this truth change and inform our understanding and mission as peacemakers in the world?