



Peace - Discussion Starters

- **Practice patience within your group**, whether it be with your work colleagues, classmates, friends or family. Do not hesitate to table discussions or postpone decision-making, especially if some of those present need more time to consider options. Periodically, have an unstructured meeting: business or family — with no outside time limits — and allow people to speak as long as they want.

? ***Jesus as a communicator of peace at the synagogue in Nazareth:***

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went back to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, *"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."* (\Luke 4: 16-21)

- From your own experience, how has this passage been brought to life in your Catholic school, parish, or home community?
- What are the qualities of a responsible citizen, seeking peace?

