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Discussion Guide:

At Christmas, we often hear the phrase, *Peace on Earth*. In this Advent reflection, Patricia speaks to a local group on the relationship between mercy and peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our city. Use these discussion questions and have your own Zoom event with a few friends!

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do we seek for peace at Christmas in unpeaceful ways?
2. Consider these words from Jesus, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to all the righteous, but sinners" Matthew 9:12-13. What do you think it means that God desires mercy, not sacrifice? And that Jesus has not come for the righteous, but sinners?
3. In what specific areas in our community and city can we pray for mercy for this Advent?