

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What does waiting have to do with wanting? What is it that you want most?
2. What is the last Advent of Jesus Christ? How does Christ's first Advent help us envision His last Advent?
3. The Apostle Paul wrote that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but ... against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6.12) How have you experienced "the spiritual forces of evil" in your own life? What makes it hard for us to recognize the spiritual war around us?
4. What are you afraid of? What does it mean to fear the Lord? How does our fear of the Lord calm all other fears?
5. What does the Advent of Jesus Christ teach us about the love of God?
6. What makes the love of God different than all other loves? How does God's love satisfy our deepest longing?
7. What makes "Joy to the Word" an Advent hymn? How does wanting and waiting for the last Advent of Jesus give us joy?