

GOD WITH US

Advent 2020

Small Group Questions — The Week of November 29, 2020

Sermon Overview: When we think of Advent, we typically think of the beginning of the Christmas season - Christmas trees are hung with ornaments, decorations adorn our homes, and lights illuminate our city. But what we often miss is that the season of Advent is not about getting a head start on Christmas. Advent is about waiting. Over two thousand years ago, the people of God waited for the birth of Christ to light up the darkness in our world. During Advent, we confront this darkness with hope while we wait for Christ to return. Join us this Sunday as we begin our Advent series “God with Us” and find hope in the name of Jesus Christ. He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is Emmanuel, “God with Us.”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

1. What do we celebrate during the season of Advent? How does Advent teach us to wait on the Lord?
2. What was a “counselor” in the Old Testament? What does this tell us about Jesus?
3. Where do you go when you are looking for answers? What does it look like to bring our questions to God?
4. What do you want most in life? How does Jesus satisfy the desires of our hearts?
5. What are your doubts about God? How does the truth of Jesus answer our doubts?
6. What is your greatest need? How does Jesus meet our needs?
7. How does the Christmas story display the wisdom of God? What hope does this give us for Christ’s return?