

PRAY ABOUT YOUR SPECIAL YEAR-END GIFT

BREAK NEW GROUND



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ADVENT AT AWAKEN

THE COMING OF CHRIST

DEC. 3
ADVENT - HOPE

DEC. 8
TREASURED WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT 5:30 PM

DEC. 10
ADVENT - PEACE

DEC. 17
ADVENT - JOY
(CHILDREN'S SERVICE)

DEC. 21
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ADVENT: THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT OF JOY

Luke 2:8–12

WEEK 3

A flourishing life flows from shalom with God in Christ

In a world filled with conflicts and societal divisions, conventional ideas of peace often fall short. As Christians, we believe that true peace goes beyond just the absence of hostility. Discovering a deeper sense of peace involves setting our hearts on God through Christ Jesus, who offers a tranquility unmatched by worldly standards.

(10 min) PRAY

Spend some time together in prayer, expressing gratitude to God for what He has given to you in this season - even the things that have been hard that have taught you to cling to Him more.

(25 min) REFLECT

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

Read Luke 2:8-12

1. Joy is learned through suffering and union with God. Share a personal experience where you found joy in the midst of difficult circumstances or through your connection with God.
2. Read Psalm 196 outloud together as a group. How does this imagery resonate with your own experiences of joy and sorrow? What does it reveal about the nature of joy in the Christian journey?
3. How can our group and our church effectively be a supportive community for individuals navigating through challenges? How can we as individuals give practical support to those who are suffering?

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: Romans 14:17 ***“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”***

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: *One of the keys to experiencing JOY is living in union with God. Even in this busy season we must practice prayer, and the reading of Scripture daily. And remember that the joy set before you is the assurance of God's ultimate victory, even in the midst of temporary trials. So commit to walking boldly in this season embracing all that God has for us, keeping an attitude of gratitude, being kingdom-minded, and bringing everything to the feet of Jesus through prayer.*

(5 min) LIVE IT

Make an action plan for inviting and bringing someone new to church with you on the 23rd or 24th to celebrate the coming of Christ with us this Christmas season.

