



ADVENT WEEK 1: HOPE

M NOV. 27 John 1:10-13

TH NOV. 30 Philippians 3:13-14

NOV. 28 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

F DEC. 1 Romans 15:13

W NNV. 29 John 12:12-19

S DEC. 2 Romans 12:12-13

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Jesus came to save us and to offer us not only a better eternity, but a better today. Part of our inheritance as children of God is hope. Although daily life sometimes seems to steal life from us, through Jesus we have the opportunity to claim new life each day. As we begin this Advent season, we prepare our hearts and our homes with an expectant hope, just as Mary must have made so many hopeful preparations all those years ago. Beyond all of the material experiences that come with this season, what is it that you are hoping to experience or feel this Christmas season?

ADVENT WEEK 2: LOVE

M DEC. 4 Luke 1:34-38

TH DEC. 7 Mark 2:1-5

DEC. 5 1 John 4:7-16

F DEC. 8 Matthew 5:43-47

W DEC. 6 1 Corinthians 13:3-7

S DEC. 9 Luke 1:46-48

SUNDAY, DEC. 10-

God offers us a radical, sometimes overwhelming, love. The way that both Mary and the paralyzed man's friends (Mark 2) respond to this love with availability should be our example, and the qualities of love listed in 1 Corinthians 13, our yardstick. Whose love are you thankful for this Christmas? To whom can you make yourself available during this season?

ADVENT WEEK 3: JOY

M DEC. 11	Luke 2:6-7	TH DEC. 14	Luke 15:4-7
T DEC. 12	1 Thes 5:16-18	F DEC. 15	John 16:16-24
W DEC 19	Luko 2:0 12	C DEC 16	Luko 2:12 20

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

You can imagine the immense joy that Mary experienced in giving birth & meeting her son Jesus for the first time. We too experience joy in meeting Jesus, and we keep the joy of that first Christmas alive when we live out Luke 15: finding those "ones" who have wandered & returning with them to their true shepherd. Where do you have an opportunity to share joy this Christmas? Who can you bring to Jesus?

ADVENT WEEK 4: PEACE

M DEC. 18	Matthew 2:9-11	TH DEC. 21	Matthew 2:13
T DEC. 19	John 14:27-29	F DEC. 22	Philippians 4:4-7
W DEC. 20	Romans 5:1-2	S DEC. 23	Colossians 3:14-17

SUNDAY, DEC. 24

We allow ourselves to become so busy this time of year, but it is when we make the time to stop & kneel at the manger that we truly experience the gift of Christmas. This is not a gift that we exchange with family & friends or the extravagant gifts of the wise men. The true gift of Christmas is the peace that comes from having a right relationship with God. That relationship is made possible through the son that he sent us all those years ago: the first & only perfect Christmas gift, Jesus. This Advent, when have you most felt that peace? How can you continue to make that peace a part of your daily life?

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