



## ADVENT

November 29, 2020

### Life Group Discussion

Leader- use this week to prepare your group for the Advent season. Advent means “coming” and is the season on the church calendar that both celebrates the birth of Jesus and anticipates His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. It is traditionally observed on the 4 Sundays before Christmas and concludes on Christmas Eve. In 2020 it begins on November 29.

### Encouragement:

For most of us, this will be the strangest Christmas season of our lives. Share some of the things you love most about the weeks leading up to Christmas? What will be hard/different this year?

### Scripture:

READ [Isaiah 64:1-9](#) and [Mark 13:24-37](#)

- 1- How do these passages point to the hope of the advent season?
- 2- Compare and contrast the hope of Old Testament Israelites with the hope of Christians in 2020.
- 3- Think BIG- what hope does the world need now? Think SMALL- what hope do you need now?
- 4- REFLECT: “Advent is when the anticipated joy of Christ’s first arrival puts us touch with our anticipated joy at His return. Advent is a joy that helps us hope.” -Holly Packiam from [The Ache of Advent](#).

### Prayer:

Choose a prayer from [traditional advent liturgies](#) to read. Then, in the same spirit, ask group members to write their prayers of hope for this advent season. Ask someone to share if they’re willing.

### Next Steps:

Participate in bringing hope to the Erie region- find more information at [www.hopefor2021.com](http://www.hopefor2021.com).  
What Advent tradition will you add to your life and worship this month?

### Want more Advent content?

-JD Greear has a new [Advent video series](#) with study guides and family guides on RightNow Media [Sign up for a free account [here](#).]

-[She Reads Truth](#) and [He Reads Truth](#) provide free online, daily reading plans year-round with a special Advent focus for this season.

-Explore the words hope, peace, joy and love with the Bible Project’s [Advent series](#).

-[KeepingAdvent.com](http://KeepingAdvent.com) is a non-denominational website with lots of information and resources for the season.