

Series: Before Bethlehem
Sermon: Longing in the Darkness
Speaker: Live at every Campus

Daily Readings

Monday: Micah 1
Tuesday: Micah 2
Wednesday: Psalm 80
Thursday: Isaiah 9:1-7
Friday: John 1
Saturday: Romans 8

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message. *If members of your group attend different campuses, be sure to discuss the message from each campus.*
2. Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Where do you see parallels between Micah's world (injustice, corruption, spiritual drift) and our own?
4. Why is it important to start Advent by acknowledging the darkness?
5. What kinds of "false hopes" or distractions do people (or we) turn to instead of turning to God?
6. How do these chapters help us long more deeply for a Savior?
7. Where in your own life are you longing for Jesus' healing, justice, or presence this Advent?
8. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

1. Spend time journaling and in prayer this week. List areas of personal or cultural brokenness you long for Jesus to redeem.
2. Ask God for direction on who to encourage this week. Encourage someone who's experiencing darkness or difficulty.
3. Choose a spiritual habit to implement this week - fasting, journaling, sabbath - to help you slow down and reflect this Advent.