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Small Group Bible Study

1st Advent HOPE

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The word Advent stems from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Advent is a time of both preparation, as we prepare our hearts to honor the birth of Christ, and of celebration that He has come and will come again.

HOPE.

Hebrews 1:1-4 tells of Christ’s coming in a different way than the nativity story. Discuss the specific things you learn about Christ from this passage.

Now take each of these things you have learned and discuss, how do we find our hope in them?

We learn more about Christ’s coming from a prophesy written more than 500 years before His human birth. *Isaiah 9:6* “For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Discuss each of these titles.

Wonderful Counselor

How does Jesus fulfill this title?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. How does this passage help explain Christ’s role as wonderful counselor?

Mighty God

Discuss evidences you see in scripture of Christ fulfilling this title?

Read Hebrews 2:14-15. Why did this Mighty God allow Himself to be put to death? What did He prove once and for all in his resurrection?

Everlasting Father

Read John 1:1-5 & Matthew 28:18-20.

Discuss the importance of understanding Christ’s eternal existence.

See 2 Timothy 1:9. Why is it so important to understand that God’s plan was from the very beginning, and not just a reaction to our disobedience?

Prince of Peace

What kind of peace do you long for in your life?

Read Hebrews 9:11-14. What kind of peace did Christ come to bring? Compare this to Christ’s words in Matthew 10:34-35. How is eternal peace more important than earthy peace?

Of all of these titles, which is the most meaningful to you?

As we enter into this time of preparation to celebrate Christ’s coming, ask yourself this question:

“Do I find my hope in Christ, or in the world around me?”

