

Wonder

Christmas with Calvary

Advent Discussion Questions

December 2022

Text: Various, mostly from Isaiah and the NT Gospels

Special note about this series:

We know at least some groups will have different schedules over these next 5 weeks, but these questions are intended to help you get the conversation started on the weeks you meet. These are “generic” questions for all of the series, so feel free to modify them to suit last Sunday’s sermon.

1. What did you find most significant from this week’s sermon about Isaiah’s description of the coming Messiah? Why?
2. How did the coming of Jesus fulfill what Isaiah spoke about centuries earlier? How will Jesus’ return (i.e., second coming) bring the ultimate fulfillment?
3. What is the implication of this aspect of what has been accomplished through Jesus for our lives as followers of the Messiah? In other words, how does the fact that Jesus is *the light of the world, the fruitful branch*, etc. impact us today and help us see how we are to live our lives?
4. What do you see in our world today that stands in contrast to this aspect of who Jesus is and what has been accomplished through his coming?
5. With this week’s sermon in mind, how could we pray together in light of the fact that we live “between advents”—that is, between the first and second comings of Jesus? Maybe there are people in our lives who don’t yet know about Jesus, or situations where we could pray that God would use us to bring a sense of light, hope, justice, peace, etc.