

2020 Community Groups

WEEKLY GUIDE

December 6th

Pastor Aaron, continued the new series titled: “Here comes Heaven.” The Christmas season is upon us. It may not look like we expected but that doesn’t mean it can’t be meaningful! Opportunities to make a difference are all around us, you just need to be observant. Pastor Aaron reminded us that in relation to the coming day of God, we are invited to move from anticipation into action.

Community Prayer:

Father, as we look forward to celebrating Christmas with our families, allow us to also see the needs of those around us. Open our hearts to not only see these needs but to help meet those needs where we can. Allow our hearts and minds to comprehend the message, to be excited about the advent season, and position and use us to share the joy of knowing Jesus as our Savior and Lord; in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Opening Questions

- The word ‘advent’ means ‘coming.’ As we celebrate Jesus’ coming in a few weeks, what can you do to help others know that Jesus is coming again soon? Why is this important? (Think about Mark 1:15) Who has God put on your heart to proclaim His second coming? (Do you have them on your prayer list?)

EXPLORATION

Read the passages below...what can you learn about what it means to follow Jesus from these passages? (Have someone read from their bible)

Revelation 22: 12-13

1. What type of rewards do you think God has in store for us as His children?
2. What does it mean for you to know that Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end?

Revelation 22: 20-21

3. Are you wanting Jesus to come soon? Why? Why not? (Time for honesty here).
4. How has Jesus shown His mercy to you in the last 30-days? (Or perhaps during this COVID season)



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Luke 2: 13-18

5. Why do you think the angels went to shepherds to proclaim the birth of Jesus?
6. How do we obtain the favor of God?
7. Share an experience where the peace of God calmed your troubled soul.
8. The shepherds immediately spread the word about seeing Jesus; Why is this important for us to know this? How can your story be used in this season?

2 Peter 3: 8-12

9. What is the significance of knowing that a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like day to the Lord?
10. What would you say to a non-follower of Jesus regarding the patience of the Lord? (Reread vs 9-10)
11. How should we live as followers of Jesus, knowing that the Lord will come like a thief, and His judgement with Him?
12. How does this encourage you to share your story? (Think about GOOD NEWS worth sharing)
13. What does the term: “watch and pray” mean to you?

2 Peter 3: 14-15

14. How do you remain spotless, blameless, and at peace with God? (Think through the lens of continual pursuit of righteousness)
 - a. When we do this, it has two effects:
 1. Helps us and those around us experience a little bit of heaven coming to earth.
 2. Helps those who may not believe, or may not know, to see evidence/proof of God’s work.

THE TAKEAWAY

Matthew 24: 14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Part of our **Get Focused and Simply Strategy** for 2021 is that we all start to share the good news of Jesus as never before.

- Experience the love of God
- Grow in Community
- Serve with Compassion



