

# Advent

THE LIGHT ✨ HAS COME



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## JOY HAS COME

### THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

- Jesus delivers us from our sin and gives us the life we were meant to live.
- God invites the weak, lowly and unlovely to join him in his mission.

### LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. What are some of your Christmas traditions?
3. How do you think most people would define joy? How is that different from biblical joy?
4. Read James 1:2-4. What does James tell Christians who are facing trials to do? What reason do he give for this? Share about a time God refined your character through suffering.
5. People would have understood the good news of Jesus' birth not as a birth announcement but as a political challenge to Rome (and anything we give our lives to). What are some things you think people today give their lives to? How does the fact that Jesus is also Lord challenge you to submit to him?
6. Although in Jesus' day, shepherds were the lowest rung of society, they were the ones God first announces the birth of his son to. How do you think the shepherds were feeling in that moment? What does that tell you about God's heart?
7. What examples from the Bible can you think of where God chooses the weak, lowly and unlikeliest people to accomplish his purposes? What encouragement do you take from that?
8. What is one way you can serve, support or encourage someone who may be struggling this Christmas?

**LET'S PRAY:** Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).

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