




December

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to our Advent reading plan. Before your reading each day meditate on Matthew 2:6 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” – Matthew 2:6

WEEK 1

- [December 1] Matthew 2:1-23 | What does this passage teach you about who God is? What does this passage teach you about people?
- [2] Spend some time in prayer today and ask the Lord to help you focus your heart on Jesus as we enter this Advent season. Confess any busyness or distraction and spend some time being quiet before Him.

WEEK 2

Sunday, December 3rd

- [4] Isaiah 40:1-5 | Hope is “a feeling of expectation” or “a desire for a certain thing to happen.” How does this prophecy point to Jesus as the hoped for One?
- [5] Luke 2:8-18 | How do you think it felt to be the shepherds and to be witnessing the event generations of Jews had been hoping for?
- [6] Luke 1:26-38 | How is Mary’s faith made apparent in this passage?
- [7] Psalm 130:5-8 | Israel was waiting and hoping for the Lord’s promised Savior for hundreds of years before Jesus was born! What does the Lord have you waiting for? Are you putting your hope in Him as you wait?
- [8] Hebrews 6:19 | Read this verse again in the context of the passage (v.13-20). What is the hope set before us?
- [9] Spend some time in prayer asking the Lord to raise your hope this Advent season. What does that look like for you?

WEEK 3

Sunday, December 10th

- [11] Luke 1:39-45 | How does the Gospel and God’s redemption plan for the world through Jesus make your heart leap for joy?
- [12] Philippians 4:4 | Why is God always worth rejoicing in? Take some time to consider His goodness towards you.
- [13] John 1:9-14 | What joy does this passage bring you today?
- [14] Isaiah 6:2-3 | Christmas lights, treats, presents, and gatherings tend to increase our joy this time of year. How has the Light of Jesus Christ increased your joy as you walk closely with Him?
- [15] Isaiah 35:1-10 | What do you think it will be like to experience everlasting joy (v.10) when Christ comes again?
- [16] Spend some time in prayer today rejoicing in the Lord. Reflect upon Jesus’ birth, God’s redemption plan, and your relationship with Him. Let the joy rise up in your heart!

WEEK 4

Sunday, December 17th

- [18] Luke 1:57-80 | What stands out to you in these passages? How do you see the character of God in Zechariah’s prophecy?
- [19] John 14:27 | Peace is a gift from Jesus! How has His peace been a blessing in your life since becoming a Christian?
- [20] Ephesians 2:8-9 | Is there anything you’re doing to work for your salvation that is stealing your peace from you? Confess it today and ask the Lord to forgive you and restore your peace by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- [21] Romans 5:6-8 | How do you see the love of God in these verses? Why is it important to read verses like this during Advent?
- [22] Isaiah 9:6 | What do each of Jesus’ names in this verse say about His character? What do His names teach us about how we should engage with Him?
- [23] It’s hard for us to slow down in this season. Spend some time in prayer today. Sit quietly before Him and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time with Him. If you need to, write down any tasks that come to mind as you pray so that you can come back to them later and keep your focus on Jesus.

WEEK 5

Sunday, December 24th

- [25] Merry Christmas! Spend some time praying with and for those you love today, thanking God for the incredible gift of Jesus’ birth and life!
- [26] Galatians 4:4-7 | God sent us the ultimate gift when He sent us His Son. Reflect upon the gift you have been given in Christ Jesus and praise God for adopting you and redeeming you!
- [27] Psalm 30:11-12 | Has the Lord turned your mourning to dancing this year? If He has, spend time praising Him today! If He has yet to do this, take comfort knowing that this is what God does. Pray and ask Him again to do it in your life.
- [28] Psalm 31:13-16 | In these days it can feel like there is terror on every side as we look at the world around us. Take comfort in this verse today. Our times are in His hand.
- [29] Psalm 23 | Spend time reflecting on how the Lord has been your shepherd this year.
- [30] Spend time reflecting on 2023. What has the Lord taught you? What are some new areas you could invite Him into for your spiritual and personal growth? Who can you thank God for? Who can you lift up to Him in prayer?

Sunday, December 31st



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