



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: What comes to mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you.

HEAD CHANGE: To grow in understanding & knowledge of Christ's provision for you.

HEART CHANGE: To know that Jesus is working in every season of your life.

LIFE CHANGE: To live in remembrance of what Jesus has done and is presently doing in your life.

OVERVIEW

When many people think of Advent, they think of a fun calendar for kids that counts down the days to Christmas. We have the brilliant holiday marketing minds at *Cadbury* to thank for that. They created the first *chocolate* Advent calendar in 1958. The word *advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, which simply means "arrival." Advent is the coming, the arrival, of the presence of God Himself—*God with us*. For hundreds of years, followers of Jesus from a wide variety of church traditions around the world have set aside the four weeks leading up to Christmas as a meaningful season of celebration and anticipation. That is what we are up to here. If the whole idea of celebrating Advent is new to you, you are in good hands. Our prayer is that through our weekly gatherings, your small group, and this advent devotional, we will see and know Jesus more this Advent season than we ever have before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some important things that stuck out for you from the teaching?
2. Where and how can you be tempted to try to find your worth apart from Jesus? How is God reminding you of your worth?
3. What are some things that distract you from the Jesus? Not just during the busyness of the holidays but throughout the entirety of the year?
4. As you think back on your life, maybe even more recently, this past year, who is Jesus to you?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to be still before you. I pray that I, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all of God's people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. To know this love that surpasses knowledge—that I may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God and grow in my understanding of who Jesus is. Help me to see you in all things. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!