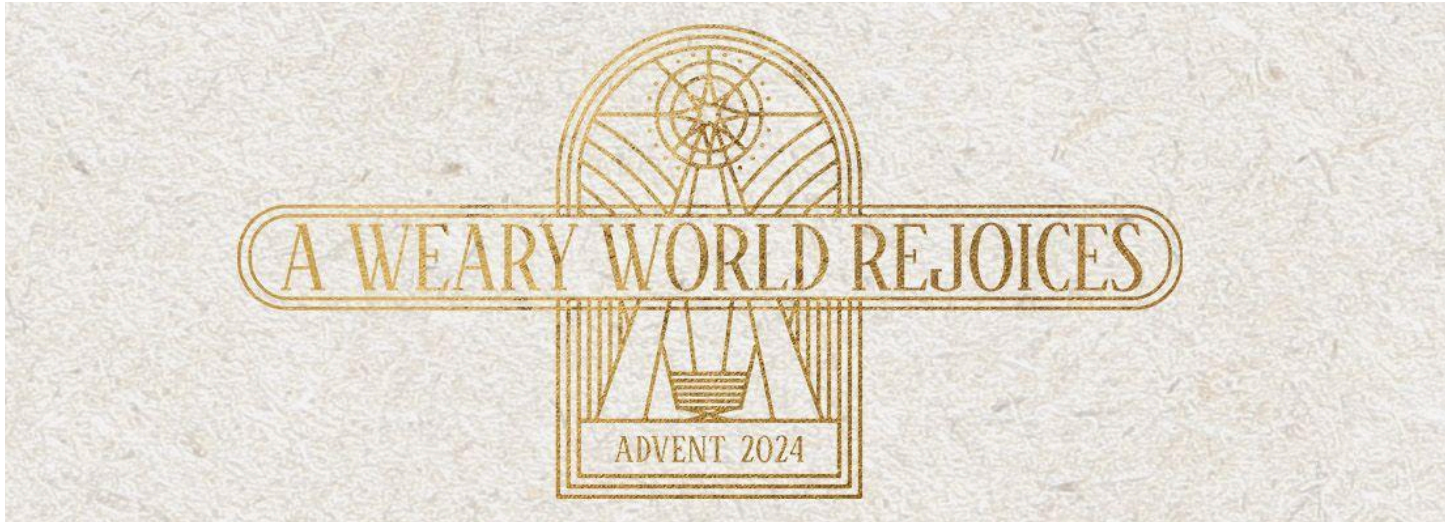


# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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**BIBLE PASSAGES - Eph. 3:17-19, Rom. 8:35-39, Psalm 139:13-16**

## **GOD LOVES YOU.**

**Eph. 3:17-19b** "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Eph. 3:17b-19)

**Rom. 8:35-39** "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Psalm 139:13-16** "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

**Other Passages:** Ps. 19:1-4, 1 Tim. 3:16, Rom. 11:33-34, Is. 55:8-9, Ps. 18:30a, Isa. 6:3-5, 1 Jn. 1:5, Ex. 20:4-5a, Deut. 32:4, Lk. 18:19, Ex. 34:6, Rom. 2:4, Isaiah 9:6, Ps. 36:6-7, Lam. 3:22-24, 1 Cor. 13, Rom. 5:8, John 3:16-17, Eph. 2:4-5, 1 John 4:9-10, Is. 53:5, Rom. 3:11-12, Rom. 3:23

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. When you think about God, what comes to mind? Be honest with yourself and share in the group. A.W. Tozer says, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." So what do you think when you think about God?
2. Reflect back to the sermon from Aaron, and/or look up the Isa. 55:8-9, Ex. 34:6-7-what new things about God have you learned that you want to take with you into the new year?
3. Read 1 John 4:9-10, this week we celebrate the arrival of love incarnate, God in flesh. Take a moment to read it together. Now go back and read it again. And again. Read it a total of five times, pausing to see what phrase sticks out. What might God be inviting you to receive when it comes to his love this Christmas week.
4. Rom. 3:11-12 reminds us that none of us are righteous; this can be a hard truth to want to receive. Take a moment and reflect on this past year, times you missed the mark and God's grace was truly a gift to receive. Share with the group if you feel brave and thank God together for his mercy.
5. What is something you can do each day this week to remind yourself that God really does love you?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**