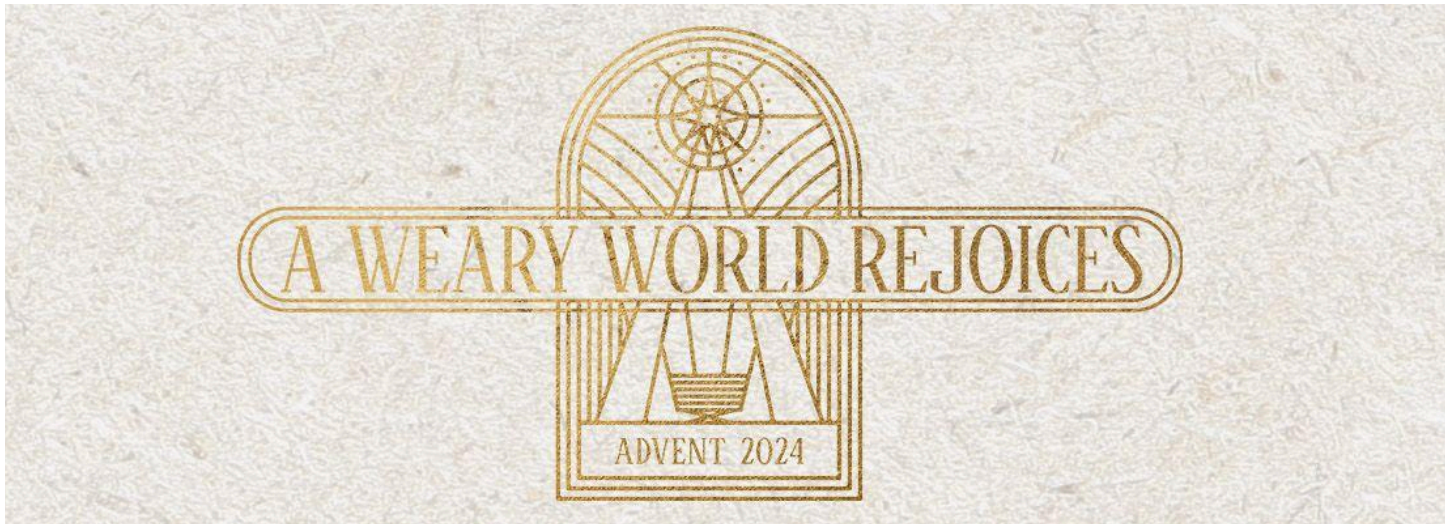


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES

Luke 2:1-5

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born.

Micah 5:2-5

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
5 And he shall be their peace.

Other Passages: Hebrews, Proverbs 3:5-6

As a group, take some time to share and discuss the 5 C's together.

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) Share a time when you were anxious about the future. How did you manage it, and how would you do it differently today?
- 2) Read together the Micah 5 prophecy and discuss some of the reasons why **Jesus is our Peace**. What stands out most to you about who the Messiah is to be?
- 3) In Matthew 6, Jesus encourages us to seek first the Kingdom of God. What is God's Kingdom, and how do we seek it first?
- 4) Share something that you feel competes with Jesus coming first in your life.
- 5) Take some time in your group to be still and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you and move in your life. Perhaps He will remind you of a verse in a timely moment or provide supernatural peace during a trying season. Also, be sure to share with others how you intend to pursue Peace this Christmas despite those things that are competing for priority.

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