



Session 4

Big Idea:

Beauty sparks hope and hope points to God.

GROUP OPENER

What are some of your favorite Christmas traditions?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read [Luke 2:1-20](#) Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

December 3
WEEKEND

ACTION STEPS

I will statement . . .

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

As a Group

The season leading to Christmas is called Advent. Advent is a season of hope and expectations. It allows us to sit in the darkness and hope for the light.

So often our human condition leads to dark deeds all born out of frustration. When we see those things, it stands out to us, it spreads frustration and discord because something deep inside us knows "that is not right". What are some of those things from this past year that have stirred that feeling inside of you that "that is not right"? Have each person share one of those and then pray as a group for those situations.

Jesus is God's answer to all that is wrong in the world to all that is broken and not as it should be.

As a group discuss some ways, real tangible actionable ways you can focus on the light in the dark season of Advent.

On your Own

Where can you share the light this week?