

SERMON OUTLINE Luke 1:5-17

Our God Is Worthy - Prepare Him Room

ADVENT

What Advent Isn't

What Advent Is

Why We Might Participate in Advent

1. *Because it connects us with the larger and historical Church*
2. *As a tool for godliness*
3. *Because the godhead is worth it*

What Our Advent Participation Might Look Like

OUR GOD IS WORTHY – PREPARE HIM ROOM FOR CENTURIES

Promises of His Coming

John the Baptist

OUR GOD IS WORTHY – PREPARE HIM ROOM TODAY

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

For the next four weeks Pastor Mike and I are going to preach through four different aspects of the worthiness of God in relation to the first and second coming of Jesus. This week, I'm going to preach specifically on the rightness of our preparation for the coming of Jesus. Let's pray that God would help us treasure Christ, such that celebrating His first coming would be our great joy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What has been your experience with Advent throughout your life? What was helpful? What wasn't? What traditions that you grew up with do you plan to carry on? Leave behind? Are there any new traditions you hope to start?
3. Which reason for participating in Advent is most compelling (connection with Church, tool for godliness, or God is worthy)?
4. Which aspect of Advent at Grace Church do you think will be most helpful to you or your family?
5. Have you found it to be true that you prepare most for the things you value most? What has this looked like in your life?
6. Which of the promises of the Messiah is most encouraging to you? How does John the Baptist's mission help you in Advent?
7. In what way do you most clearly see the greatness of God in this passage?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

8. Make it a priority to participate fully in worship each Sunday during Advent.
9. Pick at least one of the other Advent events we have planned at Grace to be a part of.
10. Use the devotional from *Desiring God* each day during December.
11. Come up with one way to celebrate the coming of Jesus that is old and one that is new to do on your own (or with your family)
12. Meditate on your need for the Savior who came, and consider where you ought to repent of your sin.
13. Fill your home with decorations, food, music, books, and people that will enhance your joy in Jesus.
14. Meditate on and memorize passages of Scripture that describe the coming of Jesus and the work He accomplished in it.
15. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

16. Adoration. Praise God for being all-wise, all-powerful, all-good, all-just, and all-glorious. Praise God for being the Savior of the world. Praise God for being the God of all time and space. Praise God for His perfect kindness.
17. Confession. Confess your failure to rightly appreciate your need for a savior. Confess your lack of joy in Jesus' coming. Confess your lack of motivation to tell the world the greatest story of all time. Confess whatever God brings to mind.
18. Thanksgiving. Thank God for loving the world in such a way that He sent His only Son into the world to save it. Thank God for saving you. Thank God for giving you so many ways to prepare for and celebrate Jesus' coming.
19. Supplication. Ask God to fill the people in your life with joy in Jesus' coming. Ask God to grant our church Advent celebrations worthy of Him. Ask God to help you prepare Him room. Ask God to help us serve the hurting, sick, lonely, and vulnerable.