



Table Group Weekly Experience

December 3, 2023

Reminder: Groups are on break Dec 10 - Jan 27. The Weekly Experience will return on Jan 28 with the Winter/Spring season of Groups. Look for group sign-ups happening beginning Jan 14!

Mixer

What is your favorite holiday treat? Do you make it, or someone else?

Sermon Questions

Advent: Hope - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-31, 46-55

1. Pastor Jared posed the question: Have you ever been in the middle of a scandal? If so, you are in the middle of the Christmas story. How does this truth make the Christmas story come to life for you?
2. Read Luke 1:26-31. Try to put yourself in Mary's shoes. What might she have been thinking/feeling? Share a time when God called you to something bigger than yourself and you realized that, only with His help, you would get through.
3. Pastor Jared asked us: Where in your life right now does it feel like something or someone has a boot on your neck? How can you be assured that Jesus has the last word?
4. Read Luke 1:46-48. How much has God's mindfulness of you resonated in your life? What have you done to rejoice in the Lord through good times and bad?
5. In honor of Advent ("arrival"), take a moment to pray with your group for hope and expectancy.

Serve With Us - Make Your Impact!

The Holiday Hygiene Kit Drive is underway! If you would like to participate this month, click the QR below to find out how:



Pray With Us - Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

- *Henri J.M. Nouwen*