

Topic: Hope

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-7, John 8:12, Romans 8:18-25, Psalm 71:1-5

For further reflection: Romans 8:26-39

Our Advent Prayer:

“Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**”

Discussion Questions:

1. God planned Jesus’ arrival thousands of years before it happened. What does that tell us about God?
2. If the season of Advent truly is a pause to reflect on and reengage our expectation, then what expectations do you have of Jesus? What are you hoping for?
3. How does Jesus’ light in our world give us hope?
4. In what ways can we allow Jesus’ light to shine through us?
5. If Jesus has come in history, and he’ll come again as King and Lord of all, then how can we receive him and be close to him in the here and now of our lives?