

# **Advent: Christmas 2024**

## **Hope**

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Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 8:17, Psalm 130:5-7, 1 Peter 1:3-4, Romans 15:1-23

**Big Idea: Jesus' arrival brings us hope.**

### **Matthew 1:23**

- YAKHAL (יָחַל): to wait for
- QAVAH (קָוָה): to wait  
QAV: cord

### **Isaiah 8:17**

### **Psalm 130:5-7**

### **1 Peter 1:3**

**It's God's past faithfulness that gives us hope for the future.**

### **Romans 15:12-13**

### **1 Peter 1:3-4**

## Message Questions

In the month of December, we'll be on an Advent journey together as we remember four things that Jesus' arrival at Christmas brought us: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. In the midst of the busy Christmas season, Advent invites us to slow down and reflect on the enduring promise of "God with us" each day. This Sunday marks our first week of the Advent series. Pastor Curtis walks us through the hope we have in Jesus this Christmas.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Have someone read **1 Peter 1:3**. The Apostle Peter describes Jesus as a "living hope." How does this description challenge or affirm the way you understand hope? In what ways has Jesus been a source of living hope in your life?
2. Have someone read **Psalm 130:5-7**. The psalmist waits with expectation for the Lord even in difficult circumstances. How does this tension between waiting and trusting resonate with your own experience of hope?

