

Sermon Resources

Sermon: *The Joy of Advent*

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Luke 2:10; Psalm 105:43; Isaiah 51:11; Philippians 1:25 & 3:1;
2 Corinthians 6:10; Matthew 5:12

1. The Joy of the Good News
2. Joy in the Wilderness
3. The Joy of Faith
4. Rejoicing in the Promise of the Kingdom

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) Joy is a central theme of Advent, rooted in the Good News of Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the gift of his spirit.

MEMORY VERSE

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"

Luke 2:10 NIV

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

- **ICEBREAKER:** Share one of your most joyful moments with the group.
 1. What stands out to you about the angel's message?
 2. How does the Good News of Jesus challenge your current fears?
 3. How can you spread the joy of this message to others during Advent?
 4. When has God brought you joy in a difficult season?
 5. How can we encourage one another to hold onto joy when life feels uncertain?
 6. What practices can help you deepen your "joy in the faith"?
 7. How does the hope of heaven bring you joy in your daily life?
 8. How can you encourage others to find joy in the hope of God's promises?
- **PRAY TOGETHER:** Pray specifically for yourself and others in the areas raised by questions 7 and 8. Pray for freedom from the control of the wrong master and for the strength to live in the new identity of Christ.