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**Part 1 Hope**

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

**Hope Releases**

**[Matthew 1:22-23]**

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

**[Matthew 2:1-2]**

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

**[Matthew 2:9-11]**

*After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.*

## **Hope Restores**

### **[Matthew 9:9-13]**

*As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, **“Follow me.”** And he rose and followed him.*

*And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, **“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”** But when he heard it, he said, **“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”***

## **Hope Remembers**

### **[Luke 22:19]**

*And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”***

### **[Isaiah 7:14]**

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

### **[Colossians 1:27]**

*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does advent mean to you?
2. Have you ever experienced a moment in the presence of God when something was released and you were filled with hope?
3. Have you lost something's over the years? Are there things that God wants to restore back to you?
4. Do you remember what God saved you from? Do you remember what you have been rescued from? Spend some time sharing with each other the things God has set you free from.
5. Spend sometime praying for each other that God would restore the things the enemy has stolen. Invite the Hope of God to release and restore you