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ADVENT
Part 4 Jesus

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.

[Hebrews 6:19]

"This Hope is an anchor for our souls because it has entered into the very presence of God where Jesus has gone before us"

[John 1:14]

*So the Word became human and **made his home among us**. He was **full of unfailing love** and faithfulness.*

[Luke 2:9-10-13-14]

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to

them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you **good news that will cause great joy** for all the people.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those **on whom his favor rests.**”

Joy is:

- the overflow of a healthy soul
- the bi-product of the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives

[Matthew 1:19-21]

Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and **you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**”

His Name is our place of safety

[Proverbs 18:10]

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

His name gives us access to God - all God is and all God has

[Hebrews 4:14&16]

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God... let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

[John 14:13-14]

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

His Name is Our Salvation

[Acts 4:11-13]

*For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. 'There is salvation in no one else! God has given **no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.**'*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are you doing in the following areas:
 - Hope
 - Peace
 - Love
2. What is the difference between Joy and Happiness?
3. What influence was behind the names you gave to your children or how you were named?
4. What are some of the names of Jesus?
5. How can you utilize the authority of the name of Jesus?
6. Through Jesus we are given access to God. Spend sometime as a group celebrating the authority of Christ and usher in Gods presence as you worship who He is.
7. Conclude your time together asking each other which one of these four things you are asking God to increase in you this coming year then pray for one another that this would be a Christmas full of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy!
8. MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!