



ADVENT 2017

DNA GUIDE

ADVENT WEEK 2: HE HAS COME

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during you own personal study to process through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: John 1:9, 14; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:17; 4:14-15

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Jesus, the Word Made Flesh came to Be with Us. Where in your life do you need the presence?
2. He also came to be One of Us to experience all that we go through and overcome. Where do you presently need the overcoming victory of Jesus in your life?

3. He came to suffer so you might be forgiven and healed. Where do you need his forgiveness or healing?
4. When we feel alone, overwhelmed or in pain we often run to something or someone other than God who is with us. Who or what have you been going to other than God?

Talk through how Jesus is better than what you've been going to for help. Acknowledge the ways in which you've gone to lessor things and how you desire to turn from those things and turn back to Jesus. Invite him to be with you, to overcome for you, to forgive you and to heal you. Ask the Spirit of God to fill you and give you this in Jesus' name.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. How can we regularly practice inviting the presence of God to be with us and fill us?
2. In what ways will we intentionally remember all that Jesus has done for us and practice daily dependence on Him?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-11 now and consider how having the mind of Christ will change how you relate to you others
4. Having the mind of Christ leads you to humbly love and serve others. Who is God calling you to love and serve with the mind of Christ and how does He want you to do that?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?