



ADVENT 2017

DNA GUIDE

ADVENT WEEK 3: HE HAS COME TO SAVE

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 1:3-5, 9-11, 16-17

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. Where are you presently in need of Jesus to bring light and life to your situation?
2. Are there any places where you have not been open to receiving Jesus' light shining into your darkness? If so, why? Consider John 3:19-21 as well.

3. What kinds of behaviors do you tend to engage in to cover up the darkness (i.e. work, food, drink, isolation, etc...)? Why do you think you do that?
4. How might God be calling you to lower yourself and express true contrition (Isaiah 57:25) over your sin?

Invite the Holy Spirit to shed the light and truth of Jesus Christ on your darkness. Ask God to reveal what is hidden and shine his truth on those things. Talk through how Jesus is the true and better life who came to do what you can not do (keep the commandments). Take time to confess your need for him to be what are not and to do what you cannot apart from him. Encourage one another with what is true of Jesus as the light and life of everyone.

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 confessing our sin and bring our deeds and thoughts into the light of Christ?
2. How is the Spirit leading us to walk in the light?
3. Which areas of our lives in particular need to regularly be brought into the light and how will we do that?
4. What is God doing in your life as a result of this time? What will you do about that? And who do you want to share that with?

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