

HOPE OF JESUS: PLANNED & PROMISED

Week 2 Advent 2020

As soon as evil came into the world, God promised to send Jesus the Messiah, His plan to deliver us from the curse & captivity of sin.

Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.

DAY 1- PROMISE OF A MESSIAH

Read: John 20:31, Acts 10: 39-43, 2 Corinthians 5:16-18

Reflect & Pray: God made a promise to Israel (and to us) that He would send a Messiah (the Chosen one) to defeat sin & death, and reconcile those who believe to God. God has fulfilled that promise through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, but the promise has not come to completion. We are still waiting for the promise of the Messiah's return. Do you see Jesus as your savior? The chosen one? Do you live and act like someone who is set apart or chosen by God? Praise God for His promise of a Messiah. Pray that your life reflects the life of someone who is set apart and a new creation. Pray for God to continue to transform your heart as you grow closer to Him and live life according to His good will.

DAY 2 - PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Read: 2 Peter 3:9, Colossians 1:12-14, Ephesians 4:31-42,

Reflect & Pray: God promises us forgiveness, it is an integral part of our salvation- God forgiving our sins. God not only promises (and fulfills) the forgiveness of our sins, but we are able to forgive ourselves for past transgressions. Forgiveness is also a part of our daily lives, as we can forgive others who have hurt us, by extending the grace and love that God has shown us. Do you struggle with forgiveness? Have you accepted God's forgiveness? Have you forgiven yourself? Pray to God and ask for forgiveness. If you have not forgive yourself for past mistakes, release those to God- allow the work on the cross bring you new life. Is there someone in your life you need to extend forgiveness to? Pray that you can extend the same forgiveness to that person that God has shown you.

DAY 3- PROMISE OF WISDOM & DISCERNMENT

Read James 1:5, Proverbs 3:5-7

Reflect & Pray: How do you make decisions? Is it quick and easy? Or do you agonize over all your options, do all the research, and make a pro/con list? We have the gift of free will, but God did not leave us to figure everything out on our own. He gave us Scripture and the Holy Spirit to guide us, and He will grant us wisdom (just need to ask!). Are there any decisions you need to make or do you feel stuck about a path forward? Pray and ask God for discernment. Pray and ask God for wisdom in a situation where you feel lost of how to love and show Christ's love well.

DAY 4- PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Read: John 3:16, John 4:14, 2 Corinthians 2:9,

Reflect & Pray: When Jesus came as the Messiah, He didn't only forgive our sins in this world, but the promise of eternal life with God. That those who believe get to live and experience His kingdom here and Earth and after our death (or when Jesus returns, whichever comes first). That is something we can hope in- that the death and destruction in this world is temporary. Life with God is eternal, that we can experience His kingdom now and forever. Praise God for His promise of eternal life! That we can experience His kingdom today and forever.

DAY 5- GOD IS FAITHFUL

Read and pray through Psalm 34 and take note of God's faithfulness. Watch the sermon to prepare for celebrating the second week of Advent with your House Church.

Pray (after) for clarity of How the Truth of God, in Scripture, can transform your mind and life and inform your actions. Pray for your next step of obedience. Pray for your House Church. Pray for the lost in your life.

Resources- for more study resources, go to www.thebridgemontrorse.org/resource