

HOPE OF JESUS: NEEDED & WANTED

Week 1 Advent 2020

Amidst the chaos & evil of this world, we desperately need and want a solution to hope in

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- SIN & ITS CONSEQUENCES

Read: Romans 5:12-21

Reflect & Pray: We are all sinners, and we see that sin brings death and destruction not only to our individual lives, but to society as a whole. Sin started with Adam (&Eve), but continued through the generations, up to us today. So what is the solution? What is the promise that God gives us? How do we not lose despair by the state of the world? Confess the sin in your life to God and your need for a Savior. Lament the sin in the world and the death and destruction it brings. Praise God for His master plan that defeats both sin and death.

DAY 2 - WAITING

Read: Matthew 6: 25-33

Reflect & Pray: Advent is a season of waiting. The Israelite were waiting for the Messiah (king) to come and save them- Jesus. But we are also in a season of waiting- for the second return of Jesus. But each of us are also in a unique season of waiting- for graduation, a job, a family, a season to be over or to begin. Waiting for something we want so desperately, tends to lead towards anxiety and worry. But what does Jesus teach us about waiting? How do we apply that to our current situation? How does God show his love through waiting? Surrender what brings you anxiety to God. Invite Him into the waiting with you.

DAY 3- WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Read: , 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reflect & Pray: Do you ever become "numb" to the Gospel? That it's a message you hear so many times, that it doesn't sink in how miraculous, loving, kind, and sacrificial it is? (or maybe its just me). Spend time to marvel at the sacrifice of Jesus. How do these promises give you hope, especially in the midst of trials? Read and pray through these versus- and the promises that God gives us.

DAY 4- HOPE

Read: Hebrews 11:1-3

Reflect & Pray: What gives you hope? Is it witnessing or receiving an act of kindness, a sports team, a cause, or your own ability? What is the biblical definition of hope? Do you have eternal hope in Jesus? Reflect & Pray for God to reveal what you put your hope in, if it isn't God, confess and ask for Him to grow your faith, trust, and hope in Jesus and His work. Surrender the things you cannot control and your own plans and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you

DAY 5- STEADFAST LOVE

Read and pray through Psalm 118 about God's Steadfast love. Watch the sermon to prepare for celebrating the first 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.

Scripture is understood in community, so read to know God and bring your understandings to your House Church."What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up." 1 Corinthians 14:26

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