

Advent 2018  
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### **Small Group Discussion Questions**

#### **We collectively remember that ONE night when he arrived**

As Jesus came near, the kingdom did too.

\*How can we make advent a time to remember more than just the night of Jesus' birth?

#### **We live in a season between two comings**

It is not enough to just remember the first coming and sit in hope for the second.

\*What do these Kingdoms of now and to come look like?

\*How do we carry the message of each?

#### **Read and discuss Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)**

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*

\*What is this passage saying to you? About partnership specifically?

#### **We are partners in defending and confirming the Gospel**

The bigger picture of the Gospel that says we find life in His Kingdom.

\*What does it look like to defend the Gospel? To confirm the Kingdom?

\*How have you been helped by a partner in these areas?

#### **We demonstrate the next coming in the midst of this coming**

As partners we defend and confirm the Kingdom now and the Kingdom that is coming.

\*When someone comes near us as a church, do you think they feel the Kingdom is near? What about when near your family, or you personally?

\*In this season of Advent, how can you be a tangible announcement of the Kingdom?