

Advent – In the Waiting...Love

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2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

We cling to the promise of Coming Love

As Advent people, we are a waiting people.

*How do you see love woven throughout the entire Bible story?

*What feelings do you have in being a waiting people, living between the first and second Advent?

LOVE is Christ and he has come and is still coming

The Christmas story is actually a much bigger love story, one that started in the very beginning.

Read and discuss 2 Samuel 7:8-11, 16(ESV)

⁸ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹ And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

*What does this passage tell us about God? About people?

*What does this passage tell us about our waiting?

*What are the implications of verse 11?

As we wait, more people are added to THE story

All believers are now included in the lineage of Jesus, full heirs and part of the family of God.

Read and discuss Ephesians 3:17-19(ESV)

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

*What does it mean to you to be a part of this lineage?

*What does this Ephesians passage say about our roots?

*What does it look like to be filled with the fullness of God's love?

We wait together WITH love – for the Love that has come and is always coming

*Where have you experienced the absence of love personally this year? Communally?

*What is God saying to you about cultivating LOVE in this particular season?

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Visual reflection (Visio Divina)* [Root of Jesse](#) Unknown

Song for reflection [Here With Us](#) by Joy Williams

*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.