



### ***Sermon Discussion***

The word “advent” means coming. As a follower of Jesus Christ, Christmas season is meant to celebrate when Christ came into the world and also a reminder for us that He will come again one day. On December 2, 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “Celebrating advent means learning how to wait. Waiting is an art which our impatient age has forgotten.”

1. In what ways is God growing you in the area of patience? How are you overcoming our fast food, Amazon Prime, immediate gratification culture?
2. What area of your life or in what relationship are you having the most difficult time with patience? Why is this so challenging for you at this time?

As a group, take some time to read through the following passages of scripture together. Everyone take turns reading 2-3 verses at a time and continue to rotate through each section until finished.

- Luke 1:26 – 38
- Galatians 4:4 – 5
- Matthew 24:30 – 31
- Revelation 21:1-5

**Key question:** If we are broken and discouraged, then Advent is for us! We can look back and look ahead with hope filled waiting.

1. How would your life look different if you fully embraced “hope filled waiting” until Christ comes?
2. How would your situation or relationships to the answer above (#2) look differently in light of living with hopeful expectation that Christ will come again?
3. What changes would you make now or what would you do differently now in light of that hope?
4. How can the group pray for and encourage you this week in regards to these things?