
I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Week 1: He's Coming Back.



We tend to think about Christmas in terms of the birth of an innocent sweet baby - and it is! There's another side to the Advent (this word means "coming") Season though: we also look for the return of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the special traditions in your family during the Christmas Season?
2. Were you surprised to hear that this Advent Season we will focus on the return of Jesus rather than his birth? Were you aware of, or have you previously studied this emphasis of the Advent Season?

3. **Read Revelation 1:9-20.**

John has a vision of things that must soon take place (1:1). Describe the characteristics of Jesus in Revelation 1:9-20 - make a list as a group. What attributes, powers, and the like does he have? Summarize these attributes/powers/etc., in a word or two.

4. **Read Luke 2:1-7.**

Luke offers a description of Jesus at his birth. Describe the characteristics of Jesus in Luke 2:1-7 - make a list as a group. What attributes, powers, and the like does he have? Summarize them.

5. Having read the two passages of Scripture, why is there such a difference between Jesus who comes at the incarnation (birth), and Jesus who returns to reclaim the world (resurrection)? Which figure do you tend to gravitate more toward and why?
6. (15 minutes) Break into groups of men and women. Find separate areas of your meeting space. Discuss: (a) How have you been boldly following Jesus Christ throughout these past few months? (b) How can the group encourage, pray for, and hold you to be faithful throughout the month of December?

BE THE REVOLUTION

The Scriptures reveal Jesus the Lamb at his birth and Jesus the Lion at his return.

RENOVATING THE HEART

When I saw him, I fell at his feet though dead... (*Revelation 1:17*).