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# I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

## Week 3: Not Falling Away...



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 have been your greatest joys and greatest struggles in 2017? Discuss as a group.

2. **Read Revelation 22:1-21**

This is the last chapter of the Scriptures. If you were to summarize this last chapter, what one word would you use? Why would you use this word?

As a group make a chart. List three columns on the chart: **promises, joys, commands.**

What are the promises, joys, and commands you find in Revelation 22:1-21? List as a group.

3. On Sunday, we heard about John the Baptist who was struggling because the end of his ministry (and life!) was near. His question may have been, "Did I do my part - did I matter?" Jesus' words were simple: don't fall away. How are these words from Revelation 22 - the promises, joys, and commands - a similar word of hope to us?

4. **Re-read Revelation 22:10-15.** As you hear Jesus' commands to us, do you hear a similar charge to not fall away? Discuss as a group.

In what area(s) do you struggle most to not fall away? How can the group encourage, pray for, and hold you accountable in the 2018 year?

5. As we close out the 2017 calendar year, what resolutions, hopes, and dreams do you have for your life in 2018? How can the group encourage, pray for, and hold you accountable to these?

### BE THE REVOLUTION

Don't fall away. Keep fighting the good fight. Jesus is returning. Be prepared.

### RENOVATING THE HEART

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so they have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter by the city gates. (*Revelation 22:14*).