

Advent

Discussion Questions November 28, 2021

MEMORY VERSE

John 1:4-5 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."

- 1. Kicking it Off: We learned that the word "advent" means "the coming, or the arrival." The advent of the Messiah was a long awaited event. Not including the Second Coming, what have you been praying about that you are eagerly awaiting for from God?
- 2. Read John 1:3-5. In verse 5, who or what is the darkness? What does the darkness not understand? Why cannot it not understand it? Have you allowed the light of Jesus to shine into your life?
- 3. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What are some ways that we hide our light whether intentional or not? What are some intentional ways in which we can shine our light to others so that they can see Christ in us?
- 4. Read Romans 13:12. What is Paul referring to when he talks about the "night" and the "day"? What is the "armor of light" and how can we put it on?

PUTTING IT INTO ACTION:

Even though Christmas is a time of great joy because of the Advent of Jesus, for many people it is a time of profound loneliness, sadness, and darkness. Discuss ways in which you can be observant to recognize others who might be in pain. Perhaps your group can choose to come alongside someone who might need to feel the love of God in a tangible way this Christmas season. If you find yourself in this group, be brave and share it with your group.