

11/29/2026 | Hope

Reflect + Discussion

- What are some of the things you're hoping for this Christmas? Do you have any traditions or special things at this time of year that you particularly look forward to?

- Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Isaiah's prophecy was given hundreds of years before Jesus was born. What do you think it would have been like for God's people to hold onto this promise across generations while waiting for the Messiah? What would it be like to hold onto hope for so long?

- Read Luke 1:30-35 and Luke 24:19-21. In what ways did Jesus fulfill what God promised through Isaiah? In what ways was he not what people expected?

- Why do you think God's plan for the Messiah was so different from what many people anticipated? How can our own expectations of God sometimes prevent us from recognizing what he is actually doing?

- Read Romans 5:1-5. The Greek word for glory, doxa, and the Hebrew word, kabod, both refer to the physical manifestation of God's character or essence. What do you think it looks like for us to be a physical manifestation of God's character in the world today?

- How does Christmas represent the fulfillment of the ancient hope of Israel, and how does it offer hope for us now and in the future?

- As we enter the Advent season, what is one practical way you can reflect the love of God and be his glory to someone around you? Try to be as specific as you can.

Pray

Start by thanking God for his fulfilled promises and the hope he offers us through Christmas. Thank you for his glory revealed through Jesus and his presence with us now through the Holy Spirit. Ask that God would help us to love like him and be his glory here and now.

Next Steps

Check out the resources page for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out courses.