

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### ADVENT: What is Advent?

December 4, 2022



1. Do you do anything special or different before guests come over to your house?
2. Did you typically have an advent calendar as a kid (or when your children were young) to try and help you focus on the coming of Jesus at Christmas?
3. Read Colossians 3:2 and Philippians 4:8. Think about all the chores, tasks, fun, and distractions that could take your mind off Jesus at Christmas. How can these verses help corral your wandering mind back to Jesus?
4. Read Luke 3:1-18 and John 1:6-9. What was John's role?

Why do you think God wanted to have a prophet on hand to announce that Jesus was coming?

What makes John's obedience and acceptance of his role remarkable?

5. Read John 1:10-14. Do you feel like there have been times in your life when you missed Jesus when he was right there in front of you?

What's significant about verse 14?

6. Read Isaiah 9:6. Who is the verse talking about?

How does Jesus embody the four names he is given at the

end of the verse?

7. According to the sermon on Sunday, our calendars and these verses, Jesus's arrival on earth changed history. List some ways this Christmas season you can focus on the Advent of Jesus to help change your corner of the world.

**Challenge: This Christmas, I commit to practicing Advent.**