

December 3rd, 2023

A Prophetic Perspective

John 8:56-59

1) We covered a ton of ground in this week's message (Genesis 3:14-15, to Genesis 12:1-3, to Genesis 15:1-7, to Genesis 49:10, to 2 Samuel 7, to Micah 5:2-5, and Isaiah 7:14 to Isaiah 9:1-7, all the way to Matthew 1-2, and Luke 1-2 and John 1:1-4, to John 8:56 and even Hebrews 11:12-16... and more). Share any new and fresh insights about the narrative arc of Scripture and your reaction to them, emotionally, theologically and spiritually.

2) When you think about the phrase, "always winter and never Christmas", what realities are you facing that flood to the surface? What are the points of darkness that linger in and over you? Explore as a group how the finished work of Jesus addresses these things, and how the glorious reappearing of Jesus will resolve them.

3) Read back through Hebrews 11:12-16. Maybe zoom out for context and read from v. 8-16. What was the hope of Abraham and his offspring before the incarnation of Jesus. How does their waiting in faith mentor us in our own waiting in faith?

4) Hebrews describes God's people as hoping for a heavenly home and realizing that they were "strangers and exiles" here on earth. How does that notion of being strangers and exiles challenge our identity and inform how we should think about the world around us, our place in it and how we live?