Tis the Season for Compassion: A Compassionate Promise
November 29, 2020

Isaiah 9:6-7 English Standard Version (ESV)
6 For to us a child is born,
   to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
   and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
   Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
   there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
   to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
   from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Discussion/Journal Questions

The season of advent focuses our hearts and heads on Jesus' birth. What traditions does your family keep each year to prepare for Christmas?

What about the Christmas season do you most look forward to?

The sermon on Sunday was about the promises God has made. What promises have you made in your life? How many have you kept?

Read Genesis 3:15. This is the first of God's promises regarding Jesus. What threat/promises does God make to the serpent here? Why is this promise important?

Read Isaiah 9:6-7. What promises is being made here? How would you summarize it in your own words?

Read John 14:2-3 and Revelation 21:3-4. Again, what promises are being made? Do you think about these promises often? Why or why not?

One take away from all of these promises is that, as John said in the sermon, "Compassion was the plan from day one!" How so? Do you agree or disagree?

Do you tend to think of God as compassionate or as angry? Why do you think that is?

What is something you or your group together can do this week to show compassion to someone else?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?