

Christmas Playlist: (Week 3) (Advent 2023)

Christmas Playlist: Joy to the World

Scripture Reading: Psalm 98:1-9

Discussion Questions

1. Today is the third Sunday of Advent. This Advent season we are going through a sermon series called “Christmas Playlist.” Music has this special way of tying into our memories and reminding us of special times. What are your favorite Christmas songs? Do you have any special memories tied to these songs?
2. Today we will be focusing on the Christmas Hymn “Joy to the World.” Take a little time to look up this song and listen to it. What words or verses stand out to you as you listen? Do you have any memories tied to this song?
3. “Joy to the World” is an interesting Christmas song. This song makes very little use of New Testament quotes about Jesus’ birth and was originally a retelling of Psalm 98:4-9. Read this Psalm for yourself. What words of the Psalm do you see the songwriter use? How are they similar? How do they differ?
4. We don’t often think of it that way, but the song “Joy to the World” is far more about the second coming of Christ than His first coming. It’s about the joy experienced at the entrance of a triumphal King of Peace, where both Heaven and nature sing out in joy. In a world that is often harsh and difficult, a song like this can give us peace in knowing that God is not done with His transforming work. How does this song help to give you peace this Christmas season?