

## SUNDAY GATHERING // 12.12.21

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, is the SeasideYouth Christmas Party from 6-8p for students in grades 6-12. Bring an ugly Christmas Sweater and white elephant gift.
- Seaside Women's Group is next Saturday here at the garage from 9-11a. We would love to see you there!
- Join us for a Candlelight Service @ 4 & 5:30p Christmas Eve! If you can't make it, the 5:30 gathering will be live online. Register @ [seasidechurch.com/christmaseve](https://seasidechurch.com/christmaseve).
- November Finance Update: Expenses- \$38,481. Giving- \$37,063. Given to Church Planting- \$3,706
- We are hoping to raise \$20,000 for our Year-End Gift this year! This will go to several specific ministries in our community and here at Seaside. Find all the details @ [seasidechurch.com/yearendgift](https://seasidechurch.com/yearendgift).

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### COLLECT:

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### READINGS:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 // Psalm 85:4-13  
Philippians 4:4-9 // Luke 3:7-18

## ADVENT SERIES: WAITING FOR GOD

**Let the Restoration Begin!** [Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 85, Philippians 4:4-9, Luke 3:7-20]

### GROUP DISCUSSION:

What image of relational restoration do we see in Zephaniah 3:17? Also see, Isaiah 62:5. Discuss this.

What picture is the psalmist painting in Psalm 85:10-13? Why do you think in God's wisdom he inspired 1/3 of the Bible to be poetry?

What are some things we can do for our own "formational restoration" according to Philippians 4:4-7? Why do you think God gives us a role in this (it's something to "practice" v9)?

Discuss this statement, "You have full permission to not give your mind to things that don't bring you life," (Phil. 4:8). Do you need to change what you think about?

What examples do we see of "social restoration," in Luke 3:10-14? How are these relevant to us in our day?

### Resources:

Lectio Divina - <https://transformingcenter.org/2019/07/lectio-divina-engaging-the-scriptures-for-spiritual-transformation-2/>

### NEXT WEEK [12.19.21]

Worship Readings: Micah 5:2-5a // Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:1-10 // Luke 1:39-56