

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Many people today have a view that we are living in dark times and they carry with them a dark perspective. Yet, the message of Advent is a message of hope. What light can the story of Jesus share that might change our expectations about what the future holds for each of us?

GETTING STARTED

1. What are some things that we often put our hope in? (ex: sports, children, job, etc.)
2. How would you describe your view of the future?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read Jeremiah 30:3-11. What helped Jeremiah have hope during this dark time in his nation's history? How would you respond if you were in his shoes?
4. Read Jeremiah 33:15-16, Isaiah 9:1-7, Matthew 1:20-23, and Acts 3:19. What do these promises tell you regarding what the future holds for those who believe?
5. When you lose hope, you behave one way. When you have hope, you behave another. Describe the changes in your behavior when you either lose hope or gain it?

NEXT STEPS

6. What would look different in your life if your hope increased? What do you want to be different about your life?
7. What is one small change you could make in response to this discussion?