

*Week of December 4, 2022 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Luke 1:26-55*

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. As Advent begins, read the Christmas narrative in Luke 1:16-38 and 2:1-19. How has our study of 1 Corinthians informed the way you read the story of Christ's birth?
3. The Gospels were written about 800 years after Isaiah 9 was written. How would you reply to someone who said that the correlations are coincidence?
4. A biblical mystery is something once hidden that is now revealed. Why might a mystery as important as the Gospel have once been hidden?
5. How would you explain a biblical definition of hope to someone unfamiliar with the Bible? Verses like Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:24-25 and 15:13, Hebrews 11:1, and 1 Peter 1:3 may help.
6. Friedrich Nietzsche said that hope is the worst of all evils because it prolongs the torment of men. How would you respond?
7. This week in Advent focuses on hope. What traditions do you have (or could you begin) that celebrate hope this Christmas season?

As we continue the tradition of having people share their testimonies this Advent season, consider setting aside time each week during Life Group to allow each person to share their testimony with your group.