

ADVENT INTRODUCTION

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Week of December 1, 2024

God's Promise _____: _____ (1)

God's Promise Is By _____: _____ (2-3a)

God's Promise Is _____: _____ (3b-4)

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Summarize chapter 3 in your own words – ideally in a single sentence. What is the main point the author is making?

3. The author makes the connection between God's rest and faith. Rest is connected to the completion of God's work – first at Creation, and ultimately in heaven. Given that God's ultimate rest is yet to come, is there any application for living today? How should the reality of God's rest impact our walk with God?

4. Chapter 4 is the first time "faith" is mentioned explicitly in Hebrews. What does the word "faith" mean as it is used here? What is the faith in reference to? Grab a study Bible or commentary and see if you can come up with a good definition.

5. Verse 2 indicates that merely hearing and understanding the good news is not enough to save someone. What is the difference between someone who is saved versus someone who has merely heard the good news? How should this impact the way we share the good news with those in our lives?

6. There is a sense in which saving faith is binary – you either believe in what Christ has done, or you don't. But the Bible talks about "strong faith" and "weak faith" (Matthew 8:26, Matthew 17:20, Romans 14:1, etc). How would you explain the difference between "saving faith" and "strong/weak faith"?

7. 2 Tim 3:16-17 teaches that all Scripture is useful for training us up in righteousness. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one thing you are (or will be) applying to your life as a result of studying this passage?