



December 1, 2024

All is Calm
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Big Idea: Because He has come, Jesus brings freedom, transformation, and peace to a busy and chaotic world.

Overview: We walk through some key Old Testament whispers of Jesus' coming. Guided by these texts, we will see the Scriptures point to the Messiah that has come to bring hope, joy, and peace. Jeremiah 33 comes at a dark time in Israel's history. Jeremiah is imprisoned in a foreign land as the people of God are in exile due to their waywardness. But from this dark place comes a word of future hope. Jeremiah prophecies of a day where a new King will come, who unlike the Kings of Israel, will bring justice, safety and security to the people. Instead of chaos, there will be stability and flourishing.

A key piece of this Advent series will be focused practices that KAC can employ throughout December. On our website, and copies available on the weekends, there will be an Advent guide to help you engage further in the Scriptures and practice the spiritual discipline to experience Jesus in what can be a very distracted and busy month of December.

Life Group Objectives:

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. When we all track together on the sermon series, we learn and grow together as a church.
2. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together. Please have people open up Bibles, seeking clarity, asking questions, sharing insights, and allowing it to guide your time together.
3. What does it look like to be transparent in your Life Group? If the group feels safe, transparency is an enormous part of being in community. Make sure that your group understands the importance of confidentiality, as well as how important it is to open up with one another.
4. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?

Conversation starters:

- How do you experience the month of December? What brings joy? What is challenging or difficult?
- When was the last time you experienced calm in your life? What did this feel like?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Questions for Discussion:

1. **All is Calm is possible because: Jesus has come vs. 14-15**
 - Advent is about waiting for the arrival of Jesus. What are you waiting on God for right now?
 - This word of hope comes at an extremely difficult period in Israel's history – the best news comes at the worst time. What challenge are you encountering right now that you are praying for God's breakthrough to come?

- God showed himself faithful to preserve the line of David all the way to Jesus (see Matthew 1:11-12). How does looking back at God's fulfillment of His promises, give us hope today?

2. *All is Calm is possible because: Jesus liberates vs. 16a*

- This coming Messiah will bring justice and righteousness that will bring salvation and safety. The past year, how has Jesus brought you stability and peace?
- Is it possible to experience calm and peace during hardships? What has or does this look like for you?

3. *All is Calm is possible because: Jesus transforms vs. 16b*

- These same verses can be found in Jeremiah 23:5-6 with one exception. *The Lord our Righteous Savior* is referred to Jesus in chapter 23 but the city of Jerusalem in chapter 33. Jeremiah is showing the effect that this Savior will have on a city full of those who follow Him.
 - What area of your life are you praying for change in? (Relationships, habits, finances etc.)
 - What opportunity do you and KAC have this Christmas to show your neighbors and city the difference He has made in your/our lives?

Listening to God:

- The Lord speaks, and we need to discern. What are some key themes that have emerged in your time together? What is the Holy Spirit impressing upon us?

Prayer Prompts and Application:

- Make sure to remind the group of the Advent Practices Guide we have made available for you.
- For families, Pastor Carleen has also made a guide for your family to participate together.
 - Check out these resources!