

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

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BIG IDEA

The deepest longing of our hearts is for the reign of Jesus, our long-expected king.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Haggai 2:7

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Mark 1:15, Romans 8:18-25, Revelation 21:1-4, 22:4, 22:17

RESOURCES

Advent: The Season of Hope, by Tish Harrison Warren

Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus, by Fleming Rutledge

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for

silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

Wesley wrote *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* in response to real suffering and social brokenness around him. What is "not right" in our world today?

Tish Harrison Warren states: "*Advent recalls that the emptiness in the world and our own lives can't be sated with hurry, buying power, social media likes, fame, success, politics, or even religiosity. We wait with Mary, with Elizabeth, with all of creation, for our emptiness to be filled.*" What competing desires pull at your heart? This season of advent, how can we train our desires to be focused on Christ and his in-breaking kingdom of hope, peace, love and joy?

CS Lewis said, "*If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.*" What are the longings of your heart that only Christ can satisfy?

In Revelation 21, Jesus says that he is making all things new, not making all new things. This is not a future event, but has already begun as his kingdom 'breaks in.' How does this impact your faith? Your work? Your relationships?

SENT

We inaugurate Jesus' kingdom by following him in mission to the world he loves. What kingdom work is he inviting you to in this Advent season?