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The first candle we have lit for advent is the candle of Hope

Let's review the verses that were read

- Genesis-3 The Fall of mankind – Because of this fall, we were all separated, under a curse, and born into sin.
- Genesis 12 The promise and covenant to Abraham,
- Isaiah 9.6 The Prophecy

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Romans 8.18-25 NLT

1. All creation rejects despair as Christ ignites hope (v. 21)

The earth is groaning for the redemption day.

2. We have the light of hope in Christ

- a) Hope makes us eager to be in His presence
- b) Hope gives us that sin and suffering will cease (v. 23)

3. We have the hope for eternity

- a) The second Advent of Christ. He is coming again
- b) If he doesn't in our life, we will have a life with him (v. 23b)

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He cares about your life.

He is called "Emmanuel" this means God with us.

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1. Are you familiar with Advent? Have you celebrated this as a church tradition in your past? What was it like?

At Christmas don't just celebrate that He came, we celebrate why he came.

2. How does Christmas time and the coming of Christ encourage you?

3. Read Isaiah 9.6-7. How have the prophetic names of Jesus been experienced by you personally in your life? Can you share a time?

4. When in your life have you experienced True Despair

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5. Read Romans 8. 18-25

What are some things the Scripture is teaching us here?

6. How does Christ bring you hope on a practical and daily basis?

7. As you look toward your future, what are some things you know are true because of our hope in Christ?

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How does this bring you hope?

9. Close in prayer, thinking of people in your life that need hope. Maybe they live in despair? How can you be used by the Lord to bring the hope?