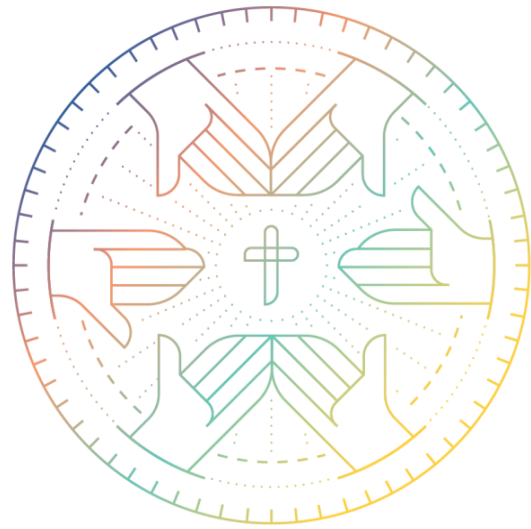


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MEETING AGENDA

WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

This week, we will continue our series, *The Promise*. This week, we look at the genealogy of Jesus through David and see the differences between first advent and the second advent.

Don't forget to take attendance via the attendance reminder email.

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Are you interested in genealogies in general? Why is it important to know our family tree? Why is it important for us to know the genealogy of Jesus Christ?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: *1 Chronicles 17:1-14*

God told Adam and Eve to “be fruitful and multiply.” There were 20 generations between Adam and Abraham. The first advent is the arrival of Jesus, and the second advent is the return. During the first advent, God established righteousness and justice in our hearts. During the second advent, God will establish righteousness and justice on earth.

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INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read 1 Chronicles 17:11-14, Daniel 2:44, and Matthew 6:33. We see that the Kingdom of God is:

- Where brokenness doesn't exclude us
- Where we make sense of life
- Where we can never say that God doesn't understand us

What sticks out to you about the Kingdom of God?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE:

["The kingdom of God has several aspects. The Lord is the Sovereign of the universe, and so in that sense ,His kingdom is universal ([1 Timothy 6:15](#)). At the same time, the kingdom of God involves repentance and the new birth, as God rules in the hearts of His children in this world in preparation for the next. The work begun on earth will find its consummation in heaven (see [Philippians 1:6](#))."] (gotquestions.org)]

2. Read Colossians 3:15, Jeremiah 23:5, and Philippians 4:7. What comes to mind when you consider the word peace? In what ways do you think the world's "peace" and the true peace promised by Jesus are different?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE:

[The Kingdom of God is where we make sense of life as believers (Luke 1:33; Psalm 145:12; Hebrews 12:28). When we submit to the Lord's will, obey His commands and seek His righteousness, the Lord is not only near to us but He is with us and His peace rules in our hearts (Romans 15:13; John 14:27). The Lord's wisdom, justice and righteousness far outweigh our own and bring rich, lasting blessings (Proverbs 3:5-8).]

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Isaiah 9:6, Jeremiah 23:5-6, and Revelation 19:16. What areas of your life do you need to surrender to Jesus, knowing that God makes promises and He fulfills them?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE:

[Examples could include relationships, finances, or work difficulties. Dwight L. Moody has a great quote about surrender, "Let God have your life; He can do more with it than you can."]

2. Read 1 Chronicles 17:13, 2 Samuel 7:14-15, and Hebrews 1:5. These scripture passages tell us about God's promise of a messiah and his fulfillment of scripture. How does this promise, and fulfillment of scripture affect you today? How do you fit in with the Christmas story?

H.O.S.T. GUIDANCE:

[In the scriptures, you notice that the family of David did rule over Israel for more than four centuries but was eventually removed because of evil added upon evil. Yet out of the "stump" of Jesse, God raised up a new branch that will reign forever and ever (Isaiah 11:1-2). God promised David that the reign of his dynasty would last forever. God's promise of a house for David is completely fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Jesus does reign and will reign on David's throne forever. The Father's mercies never departed from Jesus, even when He was made sin for us. Jesus is building the Father a magnificent house (Hebrews 3:3-6) in the sense that we are God's temple (1 Peter 2:5) and the church is God's new house. (<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/2-samuel-7/>)]

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear Heavenly Father, we are so thankful for Jesus. During the Christmas season, we celebrate the birth of your son and how that allows us to have a personal relationship with you. Help us not to forget your second advent to come. We are thankful that you are a God who fulfills His promises. We thank you for bringing us together in our small group. We ask that You guide us as we go through the week. In Jesus' name, Amen.