



Advent - 29 November 2020

Isaiah 6:1-7:17 – Longing with Isaiah – the Long Longing

1. Share around the group your different understandings of the Advent season. Talk about some helpful ways Advent can be used for learning and growth.
2. How do you feel about getting into the prophet Isaiah? Do you feel wary of the Old Testament?
3. 6:1-4 What would have been your response to seeing the glory of the Lord in the temple?
4. 6:5-7 Do you think there's a connection between Isaiah acknowledging his sin and the atonement of his sin? Reflect also on the apparent connection between Isaiah's guilt being taken away and his desire to serve. In what ways do you think forgiveness brings freedom?
5. 7:1-12. A few years has now passed since Uzziah died, and Ahaz (grandson) is king. His fear on hearing about the surrounding nations getting ready to attack is confronted by Isaiah and his son. It seems that he's not willing to trust God. What similar experiences have you had? How can we help others having trouble trusting God?
6. Has there been a time when you have asked God for a particular sign when you've needed guidance? How did it go? Why do you think Ahaz refused God's plea?
7. 7:13-17 What encourages you about the sign God gave, and what difference does it (He) make in your life now?