



# LONGING

AN ADVENT JOURNEY

## GOING DEEPER AT HOME

### NOV 27: HOPE IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

Today is the start of Advent, the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas, the 4 weeks of anticipation of Jesus' birth and His triumphant return. While we wait we discover that our soul is longing and we discover that we start off longing for hope while we live in world of chaos. Whether it's chaos because our plans and dreams don't happen or the world is getting out of hand, we long for hope. The choice is to shake in fear or trust in faith that God is still in control.

#### SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 7:1 - 20, 8:5 - 10, 9:6 - 7

#### GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. What is something you have longed for?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new or challenged you?
3. Respond to the statement "chaos causes us to choose between fear and trusting in God." Is this true or not?
4. When is a time you felt chaos entering your life, whether it was in the world or more directly in your life? How did you respond?
5. In Is. 7:14 God tells Ahaz not to fear because what he fears the most won't happen. How much of what you fear is stuff that won't happen? Why is it so important in these times to remember God's promise?
6. In Is. 7:17 - 20 God tells Ahaz his greatest problem isn't what he fears but in what he's trusting. What do you tend to trust in when chaos and fear enter your world?
7. Read Is. 8:5 - 10. Why does Isaiah point out Immanuel, "God is with us?" How does this impact your life when you are in chaos?
8. Read Is. 9:6, 7. What do you hear in these words? How does this promise of Jesus lead you to trusting God?
9. What step(s) is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take so that you can move from shaking in fear to trusting in faith?
10. What is something you can do this week to help bring hope into someone's life?