

## Prepare for Christ (Advent - Week 2)

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### Opening Prayer/Introduction

### Table Discussion/Questions

- i. Name an "experience"/"event" that you looked forward to... something on your mind/heart that you anxiously wanted to see, receive or participate in.
- ii. Any limitations? Perhaps the thing, event, person or experience in i. above had limitations... only available at a certain time, for a certain set of people, a price that was out of reach?
- iii. What did you anticipate? How did you prepare? What were your hopes? What was memorable?
- iv. Were you advised or warned about #1? What preparations did you make? Were there things you were asked to do? Learn? Live out?
- v. Was it all you thought or expected it to be? Did it change your life then, now, or in the future? Explain...

### Read Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT Reading)

1. What jumps out at you as you reflect on the questions above?
2. What can you/we look forward to according to Isaiah?
3. Who/what is this planned for... what people(s)?
4. What does God say: Warn? Anticipate? Prepare? Hope? Change?
5. *Also: John 5:31-40, 8:29-30 & 20:31, Gen. 9:2, Rev. 21:1-5*

### Read Matthew 3:1-12 (Gospel Reading)

1. What jumps out at you as you reflect on the questions above?
2. What can you/we look forward to according to Isaiah?
3. Who/what is this planned for... what people(s)?
4. What does God say: Warn? Anticipate? Prepare? Hope? Change?
5. *Also: "repent", Isaiah 40:1-5, Joel 2:28-29, "judgment", Rev. 19:11-16*

### Read Romans 15:1-13 (NT Reading)

1. What jumps out at you as you reflect on the questions above?
  2. What can you/we look forward to according to Isaiah?
  3. Who/what is this planned for... what people(s)?
  4. What does God say: Warn? Anticipate? Prepare? Hope? Change?
  5. *Also: Psalm 69:7-9, "Israel", "nations", Gen. 12:1-3, Rom. 8:18-25*
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