

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent ~ One Lord, One Faith, One Gift”

"The prophet Isaiah centuries before Christ, calls people to be gathered together for comfort. In Isaiah's world, a world broken by war, by division by, unfulfilled expectations, God through Isaiah calls his people to be gathered together for comfort, for care, for love, His love. As we light the first Advent candle to begin this season, may each of us take up God's offer of being gathered together and cared for in His strong arms of love.



What Christmas tradition helps prepare you for Christmas?

Read John 3:16,17. How does “love” factor into your Christmas celebration?

Isaiah 40 is a prophecy used during the Advent season to prepare us for the birth of Jesus. It is spoken at a time when Israel is still in exile, a word of hope to people who thought God had forgotten them. Read through *Isaiah 40:1-11* slowly. What words stand out for you?

God’s Love _____ (*Isaiah 40:1,2*) How and when does God speak His love to you?

How does my demonstrations of love differ than God’s?

God’ Love _____ (*Isaiah 40:3-5*)

Read *John 1:23*. What do I need to do to best prepare myself to meet God this Advent season?

What can I eliminate from my schedule to give me time to prepare myself for meeting with God?

God’s Love _____ (*Isaiah 40:6-8*)

Read *1 Corinthians 13:1-8*. How does the quality of my love compare to God’s love? What can I learn and apply about God’s love in my life?

God’s Love _____ and _____ (*Isaiah 40:9-11*)

Read *1 John 3:16* and compare to *John 3:16*. How do you see these two verses relating to each other?

How do these two verses change how I approach the Advent season?

What is God saying to me this week that I need to apply to my life this Advent season?

Who would God put on my heart to share His love with this Advent season?

What will my prayer be this week?
