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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday Worship Service

10AM In-Person and Online

### Dec 8 & 15 Christmas Toy Drive

### Dec 15 Group Leaders Christmas

4:00PM at the Temple

### Dec 22 Christmas at Lighthouse

10:00AM at the Temple

## OUR VISION

Love God.

Live Change.

Light the Ways.

## OUR VALUES

### God's Word: is our Narrative

We discover who God is and how we participate in his story.

### Love: is our Calling

We honor and value one another above ourselves.

### Serving: is our Passion

We do everything with zeal and ownership.

### Prayer: is our Priority

We pray as our first response, not our last resort.

### Hospitality: is our Mission

We seek opportunities to share what God has given us.



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## THE ADVENT OF HOPE

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Often times weakness is seen as failure, yet God would disagree. In fact, God gravitates towards our shortcomings. Anthony Tejada encourages us in the message, "Are Our Strengths and Weaknesses a Gift?" that a relationship with God isn't about earning something or being worthy. In the journey of knowing Christ, within our struggles we find God's grace. As we expose our vulnerabilities, God begins to bridge the gap between who we are today and who he has called us to be. Bringing light to our insecurities allows God to heal the areas we once disguised.

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## ONLINE GIVING

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You can give either a one-time gift or setup re-occurring giving that fits your personal pay schedule using PushPay. There are two ways you can do this. You can go to [lighthousecoc.com](http://lighthousecoc.com) and click the "give" button or you can text **LCOC** to **77977** and you will receive a text message with directions to follow. Finally, you can also write a check to Lighthouse Church and mail it to 3508 East Temple Way, West Covina, CA 91791. Thank you so much for investing into the mission of Jesus Christ!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Mark Ramirez** Please pray for healing for his health complications.

**Amira Angulo** Please pray for Amira to make a full recovery from surgery.

**Andy Harrison** Please pray that God would completely heal his kidneys.

**Ruben Narvaez** Please pray that God would heal him of cancer.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Conversation Starter

- Are you an early Christmas shopper or do you wait to the last minute to get your shopping done?
- What is the most meaningful Christmas gift you have ever received from someone? What was the most appreciated Christmas gift you have ever given to someone else?

### Sermon Reflection

Take a moment as a group to reflect on the following questions:

- What stood out to you from the message this week?
- What encouraged you or challenged you from the message?

### Sermon Discussion

1. The sermon this week was entitled **The Advent of Hope**. In your own words, how would you compare and contrast Worldly Hope from Biblical Hope?
2. **Read Hebrews 6:13-20**. The author of Hebrews is writing to Jewish believers who decided to follow Jesus, but they are now suffering for that decision. He says to these Jewish believers who are struggling in their faith, "You have a hope. This hope is an anchor for your soul. Your hope is Jesus." How does that encourage your faith right now?
3. How do you know if your hope is in Jesus or your hope is in something else? What would be some indicators of both?
4. Jesus is our high priest and forerunner. A high priest does for the people what they can't do for themselves and a forerunner runs the race ahead of others. Since Jesus is both, it means our hope is tethered not to our performance, but to his performance which is perfect. Why is this important for us understand as disciples? How do we get this wrong at times?

## CLOSING THOUGHT

- Hope is only as powerful as that which it is connected to. If Jesus is our hope then our hope is not in our performance, our hope is in his performance and he will not let you sink, he will not let you go. Live the rest of your life with that hope.