

A close-up, vertical view of a glass hourglass with white sand. The hourglass is centered in the frame, with the narrow neck in the middle. The top bulb is partially filled with sand. The background is dark, with some vertical light streaks on the right side. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Now is the TIME - Season, Day, Moment

We are so glad that you are participating in the Advent Small Group Series of 2018! Now is the time.

Do you feel that you have too little or too much time? Is time only an artificial social construct or a reality full of possibility for you? Do you tend to live more in the past, present, or the future? Is your impulse to let time unfold or to try to control it? Is time a burden or a gift?

The Greeks had two words for time: *chronos* and *kairos*. “Chronos” stands for measured time – the linear passage of days, months, and years; it’s a quantitative term. “Kairos,” by contrast, refers to the opportune moment for action and suggests the unexpected and uncertain nature of time. This qualitative term translates well to theology and the idea that God is acting in history to bring about good at the right time.

The liturgical season of Advent plays between these two concepts of time. It’s a paradox. On the one side, Advent is about waiting. It’s children agonizing over how many days remain until Christmas. It’s all of us enduring until the promise is fulfilled. The Old Testament prophets are a good example of this, as over the centuries they hoped against hope that God would send the Messiah.

On the other side, Advent is about living in the unknown with expectation. We look for the light shining in the darkness and the new breaking into the old. This side of the Advent paradox is children standing on tiptoe and the elderly with their eyes open wide. The magi, the shepherds, Joseph, and Mary exemplify this side of Advent.

As our Advent small groups gather each week on the topic of time, they will put the emphasis on “Now.” What is it like to live *chronos* and *kairos* *now*? How do we wait expectantly? Both the past and the future are important features of Advent time, but the present will be of the utmost interest in all three sessions: “Now is the Season,” “Now is the Day,” and “Now is the Moment.” Let us explore together the paradox of God’s gift of time and our relationship to it.

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now is the **SEASON:**
experiencing the advent season

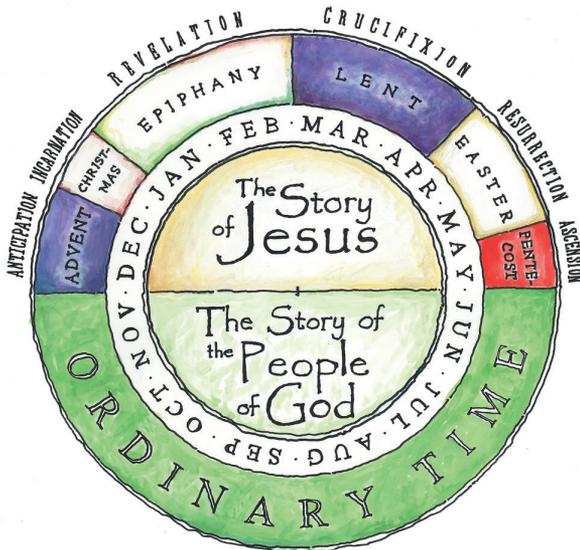
main point

The season of Advent offers Christians an annual opportunity to experience the historic, ancient wait for the coming of the Messiah. The gift of Advent time allows us to pay attention to the possibility of Christ coming into our lives again.

key ideas

- (1) The Liturgical Calendar
- (2) The arrow of time and the circle of Life
- (3) The Advent season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for His second coming.

part I: the liturgical calendar



as christians, we are asked – during this most hectic and demanding season of the year – to slow down and listen for the sounds, look for the signs, and wait in anticipation of the birth of Christ. Against heavy odds, the promise of fulfillment is being offered to those of us who wait patiently and selflessly. This waiting can

be very difficult for those of us who feel the expectation to create exquisite holiday experiences for our families – while also being alert Christians – balancing the pressures of gift giving and meaning-making at Christmas.

The seasons as shown in the liturgical calendar challenge us to embrace some of Christianity's greatest miracles. Beginning with the anticipation of Advent and the revelation that comes during Epiphany, the faith challenges of Lent, through the death and resurrection of Christ at Easter and the birth of the Christian church at Pentecost, Christians are stretched both by the darkest hours before the crucifixion and the glorious possibilities given us in the resurrection of our Savior. While betraying our Christ is real for each of us, the promise of forgiveness awaits as well.

When we stop to consider what the wait must have felt like for Mary as the Christ child grew in her belly and as she and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for the census and the birth, we may glimpse both her joyful anticipation and her sense of wonder. Imagine both the excitement as well as the fear that Mary must have felt! Then again, imagine traveling with the Magi, following a celestial trail, with the promise of new hope leading them to the Christ child! Might we dig deep to find the courage and conviction they showed when they brought their gifts to the Son of God? And yet, Mary and also the Magi offer us a gift as well, by showing us the way and giving us opportunities and resources to deepen our faith and renew our promises to God in this Advent season.

t o p o n d e r a n d t o d o

What are some of the practices you associate with Advent? How do they help prepare you for the birth of Christ?

What benefits come from reliving the birth (and later the death and resurrection) of Christ again and again within our own church community?

Why do you think the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches celebrate so many feasts of Saints and create icons of those Saints to keep their presence in the “family of God?” How might the stories of these Saints deepen our faith and inspire our action?

“Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” - Isaiah 40:1-5

Now play/listen to the song “Home by Another Way”

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Home by Another Way

by James Taylor

Those magic men the Magi, some people call them wise or Oriental, even kings.
Well anyway, those guys, they visited with Jesus, they sure enjoyed their stay.
Then warned in a dream of King Herod’s scheme, they went home by another way.

Yes, they went home by another way, home by another way.
Maybe me and you can be wise guys too and go home by another way.
We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.

Steer clear of royal welcomes, avoid a big to-do.
A king who would slaughter the innocents will not cut a deal for you.
He really, really wants those presents, he’ll comb your camel’s fur
until his boys announce they’ve found trace amounts of your frankincense,
gold and myrrh.

Time to go home by another way, home by another way.
You have to figure the Gods, saying play the odds, and go home by another way.
We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.

Home is where they want you now,
you can more or less assume that you’ll be welcome in the end.
Mustn’t let King Herod haunt you so or fantasize his features
when you’re looking at a friend.
Well it pleasures me to be here and to sing this song tonight,
they tell me that life is a miracle and I figured that they’re right.
But Herod’s always out there, he’s got our cards on file.
It’s a lead pipe cinch, if we give an inch, old Herod likes to take a mile.
It’s best to go home by another way, home by another way.
We got this far to a lucky star, but tomorrow is another day.
We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.

What comforting might faithful Christians need in the weeks to come?

The eastern princes -- the Magi -- came through the desert and found the “highway” straight to the birth of Jesus in the manger. What might it mean for you as a Christian that the Magi were guided to the baby Jesus and went “home by a different way?”

part 2: the arrow of time and the circle of life

after the birth of Jesus at Christmas and the Epiphany, through Lent, Christ’s death and resurrection, and then Pentecost, we enter “Ordinary Time” in the Christian year until next year’s Advent. The color for Ordinary Time is green – also the color of Spring – which represents hope. In the time of summer vacations and back-to-school routines, we are given the opportunity to re-energize our faith in preparation for the cycle to begin again next year in the darkest time of the year. By adopting simple and sustainable practices, we can become better followers of Jesus. And in a season that is anything but ordinary, we are called to believe, to be healed, and to journey with Christ. We are invited to take time for retreat and to be fed by Jesus. We are encouraged to feed others, to serve, and to give generously, and so it is no surprise that at TriCon we are called to “reflect God’s love through service.” And as we move through the seasons of our own lives, gaining wisdom and growing older in a linear path from birth to death, each year we are given the inspiration to grow and renew our faith by experiencing again the cycle of the Christian year. In the turning through the liturgical year superimposed on the unpredictable path of our daily lives that enables us to deepen our faith even as we find new spiritual lessons to ponder. And hence the journey is ongoing....

t o p o n d e r

Picture the newest ride at Six Flags, in which four people turn in circles in their own magnetically operated flywheel unit while their car, as part of the whole roller coaster, moves along the track, climbing to the top and then plummeting in a series of terrifying falls, twists and turns. No two rides on the Joker are ever the same, which makes it both exhilarating and frightening. This ride is not so different from our Christian lives, in which the turning of each liturgical loop brings us to a different place and a different perspective of our own. Now the cycle is beginning again, and we are challenged to find new meaning this Advent. How will you be changed this year?

What does it mean to you that the birth and death of Jesus Christ happen within only five months of the liturgical year?

How do you reconcile the linear path of time that chronicles Jesus’ life on Earth (and ours too) with the cyclical nature of the Christian liturgical calendar? How does the calendar help you live out your faith?

part 3: the advent season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the messiah, and to be alert for his second coming

looking ahead, we know that Spring is coming -- the time of rebirth and renewal on earth -- with longer days that bring warmth, and often a sense of joy as well. "For everything there is a season..."

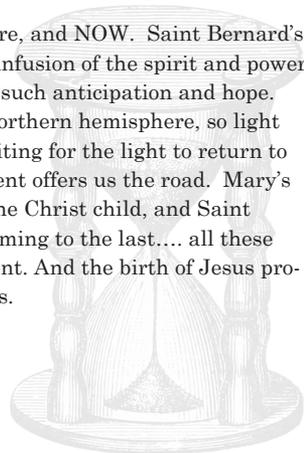
"Yet God has made everything for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." - Ecclesiastes 3:11

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux was a 12th century Benedictine monk who lived during the Crusades. He is known for his beautifully crafted sermons as well as his unifying work with disparate groups to heal schisms within the church. Bernard wrote a powerful sermon for Advent. His homily, usually read in Roman Catholic services on the first Wednesday of Advent, is an excerpt of that sermon. Here it is in part:

"We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on Earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one...In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty. Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation."

– Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, from *The Three Comings of the Lord*

Advent time is the anticipation of Christ past, future, and NOW. Saint Bernard's third coming happens in our present day and that infusion of the spirit and power of the Lord is exactly what we are waiting for with such anticipation and hope. Advent comes during a season of darkness in the northern hemisphere, so light becomes the metaphor and the reality -- we are waiting for the light to return to both our physical lives and our spiritual lives. Advent offers us the road. Mary's road to Bethlehem, the Magi's "highway" to meet the Christ child, and Saint Bernard's road on which we travel from the first coming to the last.... all these suggest that our journey begins NOW, at this Advent. And the birth of Jesus provides the beacon we need to journey out of darkness.



t o p o n d e r

Saint Bernard speaks of the rest and consolation that Jesus' coming brings. Do you find any evidence for this in your own life experience?

In what symbolic ways is light present in your life right now?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (above) seems to offer a reason for moving through the liturgical calendar. Do you believe God has planted eternity in your heart? If so, how is it revealed to you?

What will you take home from tonight's session?

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now is the DAY: *living a meaningful day*

main point

Every day is a gift from God and every day this Advent season presents us with opportunities to improve our own well-being as well as the well-being of others.

key idea

The days are short and they may seem shorter (at least in terms of sunlight) during Advent. The hours fly by and before much time has passed Christmas has come and gone and we enter a new year. During this period of Advent anticipation it sometimes seems that we are unable to fully appreciate the uniqueness of this time, and the wonder of each day. We tend not to feel the turning of the page as the Light of the World approaches. We need to replenish ourselves through community, caring, and the spirit of God. Yet it is all too easy to lose track of time while racing from one thought or event to another. In today's world with its many demands, distraction is commonplace and the superficial threatens to push out the meaningful. This does not need to be so! We have the ability (at least to some extent) through faith, support, and intention, to more fully experience the warmth and completeness that this unique day and this special place have to offer. With the benefit of divine guidance we have the opportunity to treat ourselves and others with the same kindness, forgiveness, and generosity of spirit displayed by Jesus. This is not beyond our reach. Let us begin. Let us immerse ourselves in this time and day.

*"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
- Psalm 118: 24*

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." - Mother Theresa

*"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
- 2 Corinthians 6:2*

*"When you arise in the morning think of what a privilege it is to be alive, to think, to enjoy, to love."
- Marcus Aurelius*

t o p o n d e r

Is this a unique day? Is this a special place?

For you, what makes today unique?

How would you describe a “high value” day?

Do "high value" days come around often?

“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” - Genesis 1:3-5

“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.” - Luke 2: 8-20

the creation of the earth and the birth of the Messiah are supremely great acts of God, and no human acts – regardless of perceived greatness – are remotely close. Most of us never even come close to creating change on a global scale. Compared to God’s acts, what we do over time might seem insignificant. However, like the shepherds we can all give testimony and we all have a valuable role to play in the human adventure. God has given us intrinsic worth, insight and thoughtfulness, and a capacity to use our moral compass to inspire and guide our actions. Our actions need not be great in an earthly sense, and in fact are often seemingly small acts of giving a smile, an empathic ear, a bedtime story and prayer, a healthy meal, or a ride to the doctor’s office. These acts will not be recorded in history books, but they add up and over time they make our corner of the world a truly better place.

t o p o n d e r

The shepherds were alert to the miracle told to them by the angel. Are you alert to everyday miracles? What would you do if you thought a miracle was around the corner?

Do you value the small things you do? If you don't, why not? Do you feel that what you do during a typical day is good enough, or do you feel as if you should be doing more?

What small thing did you do today that was meaningful in some way? What small thing did you see someone else do that made a positive difference? Do you think performing or witnessing these acts will stick with you in a positive way over time?

Have you recently benefited from a small act of kindness? Does this cause you to want to "pay it forward?"

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your manservant, or your maidservant, or your cattle, or the sojourner who is within your gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it." - Exodus 20: 8-11

*So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."
- Psalm 90:12 "*

Our days can be hectic and filled with activity. One day can blend imperceptibly with the next until weeks, months, or even years pass and we ask ourselves where did the days go? God sets aside time. It is interesting that the one day of the week emphasized in the Bible is the one day when we are instructed to relax, reflect and give thanks.

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Is Sunday a day of restoration? Or is it a day to catch up with what you were unable to accomplish during the week? Do you have some other day in which you can listen to and follow your heart?

Can you apply the idea of a day of thanks, restoration, family, and community (Sunday) to the days and nights of Advent?

Do you feel that today is a gift from God?

Are you able to find a few minutes each day to relax, reflect and give thanks?

What do you think the psalmist meant when he said “teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom?”

If you choose to, feel free to break into smaller groups as you discuss the next section.

As we reflect upon our purpose in life we might easily conclude that the quality of our relationships and the way we treat others is central. Often we find that we gain more from our own acts of kindness than do the recipients of those acts.

*“Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you.”
- Matthew 6:11-14*

“Every day, think as you wake up. Today I am fortunate to have woken up. I am alive. I have a precious human life. I am not going to waste it. I am going to use all my energies to develop myself, to expand my heart out to others, to achieve enlightenment for the benefit of all beings. I am going to have kind thoughts towards others. I am not going to get angry or think badly about others. I am going to benefit others as much as I can.” - the 14th Dalai Lama

In your care for others, have you found divine guidance from the Holy Spirit?

Does your Christian faith help you look out for the welfare of others? Are there examples of great or “ordinary” people in the Bible living purposeful lives that provide you with guidance or inspiration?

Do you think giving to others earns you reward in heaven? Or, when you care for others, is your reward actually here on earth? Is it both?

Do you feel better when you step outside yourself? What are the conditions under which you can most easily do this?

Who are the people in your own life who help guide you to do good?

“To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

to ponder

If you choose, feel free to take several minutes to silently reflect upon tonight's discussion.

What can you do to make tomorrow meaningful?

What will you take away from tonight's discussion?

*"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."
- JRR Tolkien*

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now is the **MOMENT:** *living in god's moment*

main point

Each moment of our lives is a gift from God. Each moment is indeed our meeting place with God. It is the only moment we ever actually have.

key idea

We live in stressful and turbulent times at an accelerated pace where we are expected to multi-task in order to keep up. We forget how to be present for our lives in our rush to get everything done. We find ourselves trying to prove our self-worth through a multitude of accomplishments. We forget that time – the present moment – is a gift from God. Each moment is not something to be gotten through but is indeed our meeting place with God. For it is now, in the present moment where we find our true selves. It is now, in the present moment where we hear the voice of God. It is now, through the opening, listening, and responding to his voice that God will fulfill his promise to us.

“Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have.” – Eckhart Tolle

“Perhaps it isn’t more time that we need, but a different way of experiencing the time we have.” – Abby Seixas

Your breath is your most powerful tool to bring you into the present moment. It has been called “the Breath of Life”. It can bring you into a sense of calm and connectedness with yourself and with God.

t o d o a n d t o p o n d e r

In order to begin our discussion on being present in the moment we will open this session with a Breathing Meditation, originally created by Thich Nhat Hanh. Place your feet flat on the ground, hands placed gently in your lap. Close your eyes and take three deep breaths in through your nose and out through your mouth. Coming back to your natural normal breath on the in-breath, say to yourself, “I calm,,” and on the out breath, “I smile” . . . and repeat several times . . .

Breathing in . . . I calm;

Breathing out . . . I smile;

Breathing in . . . this moment;

Breathing out . . . this wonderful moment.

Then gently play the following song and slowly breathe in and out.

When your mind wanders bring it back to the song or back to your breathing in and out. Bringing your focus away from your to-do list, away from your concerns, and back to what is happening right here, right now within you and around you.

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In the Stillness
by Karen Drucker

In the stillness of this moment there is peace.
In the stillness of this moment there is peace.
And I rest and trust and breathe and know
That in the stillness of this moment there is peace.

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How did you feel after this time of silence?

What thoughts, feelings or insights came up for you?

What did you notice about your reactions to these thoughts/feelings/insights?

“We know how to sacrifice ten years for a diploma, and we are willing to work very hard to get a job, a car, a house, and so on. But we have difficulty remembering that we are alive in the present moment, the only moment there is for us to be alive.” - Thich Nhat Hanh

It happens quite often that the present moment is be overshadowed by our worries over past or future events in our lives and we miss the exquisite beauty of life right before us right now. We may find in the busyness of life that we are not aware of our thoughts, emotions, or experiences on a moment-to moment basis. We can miss huge swaths of time and experiences.

“Mindfulness is about being fully awake in our lives. It is about perceiving the exquisite vividness of each moment.” – Jon Kabat-Zinn

What does it mean to you to be alive in the present moment?

How can being present affect your life?

Have there been times in your life when you have been truly alive in the present moment with no thoughts of past or future? Please share one such time.

Close your eyes and consider a peak experience in your life, a time of great joy. What do you notice about this experience?

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things: and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." - Matthew 6: 25–37

t o p o n d e r

Are you prone to be a “worry wart”? On a scale from “not a care in the world” to “anxious 24/7”, where do you usually tend to fall?

Have you ever tried to rationalize why you do worry? What are some of the “legitimate reasons” you have tried to use to justify your worries?

Share a time when you were worried about something that seemed, at the time, to be a major source of unease. How did the situation resolve? Did worrying help the situation or hurt it?

Christmas can be a time of increased stress and worry concerning: preparations, finances, making a good impression, and making everyone happy. What are some ways to bring a sense of presence, peace and calm into your Christmas celebrations?

Have you ever experienced a time when you (or someone you love) was provided for in an unexpected, unforeseen way? Share that experience.

God is asking us to trust that he will provide for us. God is asking us to have faith in him and embrace the mission or call that he has for us. Trust that God will fulfill his promise to us and therefore we should not waste time and energy on worry.

"For God alone my soul waits in silence. - Psalm 62:1

What roles do stillness and silence play in your own relationship with God?

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

How do we transform our lives?

How does God transform us in the meeting of the present moment?

As a result of transforming our lives we will be able to _____ .

Why do you think that the mind needs to be renewed in order to know the will of God?

Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." - Hebrews 13:5

How does the love of money affect a person's relationship with God?

How can a person learn to be content? What is the connection between trust and contentment?

What impact does the promise that God will never leave or forsake his people have in your life?

Share any ways that God has fulfilled his promises to you.

We make hundreds of decisions without conscious reflection every day. God is asking us to consciously listen for his voice, to be patient and trust that he will speak to us and be there for us. Renewing our minds in God every moment is a way to open up to his promise and his call.

"The power of creating a better future is contained in the present moment: You create a good future by creating a good present." Eckhart Tolle

As we end our time together take several deep breaths and repeat slowly to yourself:

"I receive each moment as a gift and a blessing."

Psalms 23:1-3

The lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

What will you take away from tonight's discussion?

Into the Darkest Hour

an Advent/Christmas poem by Madeline L'Engle

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*It was a time like this,
War & tumult of war,
a horror in the air.
Hungry yawned the abyss-
and yet there came the star
and the child most wonderfully there.*

*It was time like this
of fear & lust for power,
license & greed and blight-
and yet the Prince of bliss
came into the darkest hour
in quiet & silent light.*

*And in a time like this
how celebrate his birth
when all things fall apart?*

*Ah! Wonderful it is
with no room on the earth
the stable is our heart.*

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