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Advent Season: Is the period of 4 Sundays and weeks before Christmas

Advent is from the Latin word "Coming" or "Arrival"

One of the primary focuses of Advent is the coming of the Messiah

Messiah: meaning "Anointed One"

The Messiah

Isaiah 61
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Isaiah 42:1-9

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Isaiah 61: He will cause praise to rise from every nation

Isaiah 52:13-53:12: He will bear our suffering and take on our punishment from God, He would be our sin offering

Isaiah 42:1-9: He will be a light to the whole world, He will open the eyes of the blind and set captives free, and He will bring justice to the whole earth

The Messiah

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 God will raise up a great prophet like Moses

Zechariah 9:9-10: A Great King will come and rule the whole earth

Psalm 2: This great King would be called God's son

Daniel 7:13-14: A Son of Man will be given rule over every nation and will be worshipped forever

The Forerunner

Malachi 3:1, 4:5-6: The Messiah will be preceded by a prophet, who is like Elijah

Isaiah 40:3 *"A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*

Matthew 3:1-3: John the Baptist is identified as the forerunner of the Messiah

What is his primary message?

Repent

Matthew 3:2 *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

Repent: Means to change your mind, to internally turn from one way to another

What you turn to is at least as important as what you turn from

Repent

Do you need to change your mind and focus this season?

What is your mind currently focused on?

Hurt? Pain? Disappointment?
Self? Success? Money? Position?

Application

Turn to God and place your focus on Jesus this season. How:

1. By looking at who He is in Scripture, read or listen.

2. Memorize something that Jesus said this week. Something encouraging or thoughtful for you.

3. Slow down and talk with Him.