



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, November 27, 2022

PROMISES, PROMISES

Not Without Hope

Read/Reflect

1. Read Genesis 3. What questions are you left with about the origins of sin? Is sin and evil easily explained?
2. Why did Adam & Eve hide from God after they sinned? How did hiding from God help or not help? From Psalm 32, what insight do you get about what can be done about sin?

Explore

3. How would you characterize God's response to Adam & Eve's sin? Where do you see God's justice and righteousness, and where do you see his mercy and compassion?
 Angry Punishing Vindictive
 Sympathetic Merciful Other: _____
4. When you recognize your own sin and brokenness how do you tend to respond?
 Cover it up Confess it
 Live in shame Punish yourself
 Ignore it Other: _____
5. What does (or could) Advent mean for you?
 Waiting on God's promises An impatient time
 Getting ready for Christmas parties Nothing special
 Time to reflect on Christ's coming Other: _____
6. How do you tend to respond when God calls to you and asks, "Where are you?"
7. How can you live with more reliance on God's promises; that is, how do you learn to wait on God?

Pray

- Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
- Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
- Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
- By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.