

# Advent

T H E K I N G ' S C O M I N G

WEEK 2: *Love*

This week, as we continue to journey through *Advent* as a church family, we lit the Bethlehem Candle. This candle represents *Love*, and points us to what it means to be people who both live in and wait for God's *Love* expressed to the world.

In **Matthew 1:23**, a prophecy from **Isaiah 7:14** is quoted, saying that Jesus would be called Immanuel, which means "**God with us.**"

- What does it mean for God to be with us?
- What does it mean in your life that God WANTS to be with you?
- How does this passage convey the depth of *Love* that God has for us?

*Read:* 1 Timothy 1:15-16

- Who did Jesus come to save?
- What is Paul trying to communicate in v16?
- If Jesus can save and use Paul, "the worst of sinners," what can He do in your life, if you are willing?
- How does this passage convey the depth of *Love* that God has for us?

In **Matthew 28:20**, Jesus says "And surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the age." We are promised Jesus' presence, his power, his protection, and his peace, because in Him, we have our King walking beside us, working with us, seeing us, and intimately involved with us.

— How does this affect your faith? Your fear?

— How does this passage convey the depth of love *Love* God has for us?

*Read:* Ephesians 1:13-14

— What has God sealed us with?

— What is the function of this seal?

— What kind of confidence can we have because of this?

— How does this passage convey the depth of love that God has for us?

*Read:* Revelation 21:2-4

— What is promised to us in v3-4?

— What does this verse communicate about restoration?

— How does this passage convey the depth of love that God has for us?

*Prayer:* Take some time either individually or with others to pray that God would reveal more of His *Love* for you. Ask that He would also show you His *Love* love for others around you. Ask that He would help you see what it looks like to be transformed by His *Love*.