

Sunday, December 5, 2021

First Sunday of Advent ~ One Lord, One Faith, One Gift

"The prophet Isaiah centuries before Christ, asks the questions we all ask at times, "Where are you, what have I done? Why don't you do something? Is there any hope?" As we light the second Advent candle this season, may each of us be honest with God for the hope we need.



"Gathered with Hope"
Isaiah 64:1-12 and John 3:16

Are you typically a "glass half full, half empty, or who took my glass?" person.

Read John 3:16,17. How does "hope" factor into your Christmas celebration?

Isaiah 64, Isaiah is no longer a young man with energy and vision. He stands amidst a broken and ruined remnant. Read 64:1-12 and list how many of the questions Isaiah asks that you have, or are asking God?

Hope begins when I am honest about my _____? In what ways do I need to be honest before God?

Read Hebrews 10:19-22. How is my confidence level before God? What needs to change?

In what way am I afraid to be honest before God?

What can I eliminate from my schedule to give me time to prepare myself for meeting with God?

Hope begins when I am honest about _____ (Isaiah 64:6,7)

In what ways do I think of myself more highly than I should?

Read Isaiah 64:12 again. What questions do I find I repeatedly bring before God?

What answers, if any have I received from him?

Hope is Fulfilled in God's _____ and _____ Gift (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Read John 1:1-14. List the ways John reminds us of the uniqueness of Jesus

As you think about the chapter of life you are in this Advent season, in what way can you be encouraged by the hope of Jesus' coming?

With whom would God have me share the hope of Jesus with this season?

What will my prayer be this week?