

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Advent Series: "Jesus Christ the Lord Changes Everything"



3rd Sunday of Advent

"Jesus Changes My Outlook"
Isaiah 35:1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11

Can you name a Christmas that didn't go as planned? How did you handle the change? What could you have done differently?

This third Sunday of Advent we explore the word, "joy" We define, "joy" as an emotion, but we all know that our emotions don't always fit our circumstances. Joy in scripture happens because God has intervened and made himself known.

God's intervention of joy is _____.

Skim *Isaiah 35:1-10*. What circumstances are happening in the life of Israel? How would you describe their situation?

What does God promise? _____.

How does the promise of God encourage you?

Read *Joel 2:21*. What great things has God done in your life?

God's promise of joy is _____.

Skim through the birth of Jesus narrative in *Luke 1 and 2*. How many times, and to whom do you see God's joy delivered?

How does Mary's response differ than Zechariah's response to the angel's delivered message?

How do you respond when God offers joy to you?

God's promise of joy is _____.

Read *Matthew 11:2-11*. Years later, John is in prison and begins to question whether Jesus is who he says he is. How does Jesus respond to John's question? _____

How can Jesus' response to John help me in my joyless moments?

Read *John 1:14*. The apostle John affirms the reality of who Jesus is by what he has seen, just as Jesus tells his cousin John to do the same.

In what ways has God made himself know to you? How can that be a foundation to remind you of the joy that God has to offer?

This week.

- God has promised, delivered and fulfilled his message of joy to us through Jesus.
- How will that truth help me this season?

Next Week: "Fourth Sunday of Advent" "Jesus Changes My Focus"