

Sermon Notes

Isaiah's Anticipated King and Kingdom
Advent Sermon Series Introduction
November 23, 2025

2. As a season of longing, Advent prompts us to acknowledge the present struggles. Many people long for specific things during Advent, such as healing, peace, restoration for loved ones, or a new beginning. It is also a time to express longing for a different world without suffering, sorrow, injustice, or pain.

Isaiah identifies a number of undesirable sinful conditions in which his contemporaries were living. As you read Isaiah 1, identify as many of these as he lists.

3. How many of these continue today in our own culture? Are you surprised by that? Discuss how Advent season puts us in touch with the longing that there was a permanent solution to these issues.
4. Isaiah intersperses hope for the future among this book. As you read chapter 2, consider how this anticipated kingdom addresses the longings we just identified.
5. Why is hope such a crucial element to our faith? What do you do to foster hope?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 11-23-2025

Getting Started:

1. What did you do during Advent season when growing up? How do you now foster an attitude of waiting in hopeful expectation?

Digging Deeper:

During Advent season we focus on a biblical theme: waiting in hopeful expectation. As we celebrate Christ's first coming, we wait for his promised second coming, longing for God's presence, peace, and redemption. It's a time to express the desire for a world without suffering, sorrow, injustice, or pain – when all that is wrong will be made right.

The OT prophetic book of Isaiah speaks of these themes, interweaving confrontation, warnings, and glimpses of restoration in a future kingdom under a future king. This Advent season we want to contemplate these topics.

As preparation for our study in Isaiah, a brief overview would be helpful. The following two 8-minute videos by the Bible Project offer a helpful summary of the book. Watch these and then respond to the following questions.

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/isaiah-1-39/>

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/isaiah-40-66/>

Be sure to scroll to the bottom of each webpage to view or print the accompanying poster that overviews the book.