

Dig Deeper @Home – "Songs of Advent" Complement to sermon on December 3, 2017 – Hope

MEMORIZE – Revelation 21: 3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

READ Revelation 19

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
- 2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
- 3. Verse 10 ends "For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."
 - a. What does this mean?
 - b. What is the testimony of Jesus?
 - c. This verse makes it seem like all can be prophets if we share the testimony of Jesus. How often are you being a prophet and sharing the testimony of Jesus? Identify one person to share the testimony of Jesus with this week.
- 4. Read Revelation 19: 6-8 again. Now turn to Isaiah and read Isaiah 25: 6-8 and 61: 8-11. Compare and contrast these verses from Isaiah with those in Revelation.
- 5. Read Isaiah 11: 1-5. Compare and contrast this description with Revelation 19: 11-15.

Bottom Line – Summarize Revelation 19 in your own words



EXPERIENTIAL

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Revelation 19

Throw a Dinner Party

Why wait to begin the celebration? Have a dinner party with your family or friends. Make it a feast to celebrate who God is. Take time at the dinner party to share the "testimony of Jesus" both in scripture and in your life. Share stories of the difference Jesus has made. Make it a celebration to remember!

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

<u>Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery</u> - Matt Papa A great advent song celebrating Jesus' first coming and anticipating his second coming.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #115 Crown Him with Many Crowns – Mennonite Hymnal #191

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, may our week be full of praise to you our King, that you came to rescue us and that you will come again to unite us with You. May your testimony, Jesus, be on our lips and many we be eager to share with all we meet. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.