

Expecting



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday December 4th, 2016

PASTOR DAVID COOKE: Get Ready, He's Coming

Matthew 1, Genesis 12:1-3, 22:18

- Expecting...An Invitation To Believe

- Looking Forward...

Genesis 12:1-3, 22:15-18



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- Looking Back...

Matthew 1; Galatians 3:5-9

- An Invitation To Faith
 - A. Past - God Knew
 - B. Present - God's Got This
 - C. Future - God Is Able



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- Grace Big Enough For You

“Grace is God acting in our lives to accomplish what we cannot accomplish on our own. The standard hackneyed definition of grace is “undeserved favor,” but that doesn’t tell you what it is. What is it? It’s God acting in your life. What is God acting in your life? It’s the kingdom of God. It’s the reign of God in your life.”

Dallas Willard - Living in Christ's Presence: Final Words on Heaven and the Kingdom of God



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STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What are three things you look forward to during the Christmas season?

THIS WEEK (listen to the message at: www.coldspringschurch.net)

Giddy anticipation. Insatiable curiosity. Plus, a low-level, electrical current of fear. This is *expecting*. This is looking forward to the hoped for but still unknown. For thousands of years people expected a savior and those who embraced Jesus were not disappointed. With anticipation, curiosity and fear we look to Jesus this Christmas, we look to the savior who does not disappoint. Join us in *expecting*...

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. What in the passages helped you see more of Jesus and his cross, or what moved you to love him more?

Advent Devotional:

Advent is a fancier way of saying "arrival." It's a time of waiting, of anticipating the coming of something (or someone) great. The birth of Christ, His advent, marks God's ultimate plan for our redemption. In Christ, we see the fullest picture of God's hope, peace, joy and love. It is our hope that this guide will encourage and facilitate personal time spent in the Word and provide a resource for families with children to do that together.

1. We all find satisfaction in achieving our goals, but do you enjoy the process? How can you see God at work along the way?
2. List some giants of the faith who had to wait a long time to see a promise fulfilled. Compare how their attitudes to waiting affected the results (see Hebrews chapter 11).
3. In what small ways could you alter your attitude about waiting...shifting from impatient to expectant?

One of God's names is Immanuel, God is with us. He is with us every moment of every day— in the big moments and in the small, seemingly insignificant moments. Make a point to enjoy him in all of the moments today. Be on the lookout for Immanuel throughout your day.

"The King Is Coming" - join your Cold Springs Church family as we go through this 26-day Advent devotional available for free at: <http://bible.com/r/Wp> or the Bible app. For a shorter 7-day devotional, check out **"An Advent Journey of Hope"** with Louie Giglio available at: <http://bible.com/r/Jx>.



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