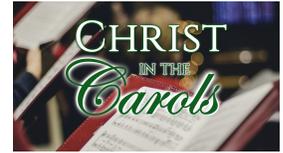


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Scripture: Various



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In the Christmas Hymn *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* written by Charles Wesley, we celebrate the expectation and hope of Christ's advent, the mission and deliverance of Christ, and the consummation and eternity of Christ's Kingdom.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What gospel themes are present in this Christmas hymn? What do you think is the central theme?
- What's your favorite stanza or phrase in this hymn?
- What promise did God make to Adam Eve that became the expectation of the Jewish people (Genesis 3:15)?
- Explain how Jesus is the consolation to Israel (Luke 2:22-38). Why was his coming necessary?
- Discuss how Jesus is the longing of every heart ("dear desire of every nation") – even to unbelievers (Ecclesiastes 3:11)?
- How can we be freed from slavery to our sinful practices or desires (John 8:34-36)? Where do you typically turn when fear or anxiety occupies your mind?
- What's the significance of the royal imagery of stanza 3 (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Luke 17:20-21)?
- What role and work of the Holy Spirit are alluded to in this hymn (John 14:15-17)?