




December

DAILY READINGS

Welcome to the Gospel of Luke! We'd love for you to pick up an ESV Scripture Journal from church and use it to write down your prayers and answers to the reflection questions below. Before your reading each day, meditate on Luke 2:10-11 , pray for one person to know Christ  and pray for one person to grow in Him .

Memorization & Meditation:

10 *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."* Luke 2:10-11

Advent

WEEK 1

Sunday, December 2nd - (Hope)

- [Dec 3] Isaiah 7:14 | Immanuel means "God with us." What hope does it give you to have Jesus with you daily?
- [4] Isaiah 11:1-5 | What qualities of Jesus stand out to you in this passage? Why?
- [5] Micah 5:2-4 | What comfort do you gain from this prophecy about Jesus?
- [6] Jeremiah 33:14-17 | Hope is a feeling of expectation. How did Jesus meet the expectations set in this prophecy?
- [7] Isaiah 9:6-7 | Jesus came to earth as a baby, and He is coming again as a King. How do these verses comfort you in the waiting time in between? What hope do they give you?
- [8] Review your notes from the week, and thank God that Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us".

WEEK 2

Sunday, December 9th - (Love)

- [10] Luke 1:26-38 | What did Gabriel tell Mary about Jesus' identity and mission? What was Mary's response?
- [11] Luke 1:39-56 | What does this passage reveal about God's love for us?
- [12] Matthew 1:18-25 | Joseph was obedient to a difficult calling. How does Joseph's costly obedience inspire you?
- [13] Luke 2:1-7 | How did the birth of Jesus change the course of history?
- [14] Luke 2:22-38 | Contemplate the present (v.30-32) and future (Rev. 11:15) reality of God's Kingdom.
- [15] It was God's love for us that inspired Him to send Jesus. It was out of love for God that Mary and Joseph walked in obedience and changed the world. How has God's love for you and your love for God changed your world?

WEEK 3

Sunday, December 16th - (Joy)

- [17] Luke 2:8-14 | What do you think it would have been like hearing a multitude of angels praising God? (v.13-14)
- [18] Luke 2:15-21 | What was God communicating by having His Son's birth announced to humble shepherds?

- [19] Philippians 2:1-11 | Jesus humbled Himself to become human so that He could become obedient to death on a cross. In doing so, He was exalted, and He made a way for all to be with Him. Reflect on this joyful truth!
- [20] Colossians 1:15 | In what ways does Jesus (God in the flesh) reveal God's character to you?
- [21] Matthew 2:1-12 | What did the wise men do when they saw the star? (v.10-11) What could you give God praise for today?
- [22] Luke 2:10 talks about 'good news of great joy.' Spend time reflecting on the birth of Jesus and the joy that is found in this story. How has following Jesus increased your joy?

WEEK 4

Sunday, December 23rd - (Peace)

- [24] Isaiah 9:6-7 | Jesus is our Prince of Peace. How has He brought peace to your life?
- [25] Luke 2:1-7 | Merry Christmas! Spend time today reflecting on the gift of Jesus' birth and life.
- [26] Mark 10:42-45 | Why is the gift of Jesus the greatest gift?
- [27] Romans 5:6-8 | Christmas is the beginning of God's great rescue plan. Reflect on how valuable you are to God.
- [28] Revelation 21:1-8 | Write down everything this passage says about the New Heaven and New Earth and the King that reigns over it.
- [29] All throughout the Bible, Jesus is referred to as the 'God of Peace.' (Heb. 13:20-21) Spend time praying and ask Him to reveal the areas of your life you need Him to enter into as the God of Peace.

WEEK 5

Sunday, December 30th

- [31] Ephesians 2:13-22 | He Himself is our peace. How can you practically look toward Jesus as your peace in 2019? What is one way you would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus in the coming year?



Pray for one person to grow in Christ this week.



Pray for one person to know Christ this week.

Got a question? We'd love to be a resource! Email us at info@antiochcountryside.com