



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is your favorite Christmas treat (food or drink)?
2. What is one thing you were waiting for during the course of your life that took a long time to appear?

Read Isaiah 35:1-10

3. Do you think the people of Judah were most looking forward to God coming to heal them or judge their enemies?
4. What does it look like for God to come “with vengeance, with terrible recompense” (NRSV), that is “to put things right and redress all wrongs” (MSG)?
5. Advent is a season of waiting. What is required for us to wait? What do we do in the midst of the waiting?
6. How has contemplative prayer helped you discern what God is doing?

Read Isaiah 43:19

7. What does “rivers in the desert” as a metaphor communicate about God’s activity?
8. Who throughout biblical and Church history has been the most likely to discern God’s activity?
9. What can we do to imitate the shepherds and the Magi who worshiped Jesus in his first Advent?
10. Pray for one another for the courage, strength, and energy to wait patiently this Advent season.