



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of December 7, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Galatians 4:4-5 **Born of a Woman, Born Under the Law**

In the Christian year, Advent is a time that helps us to remember Christ's first coming and reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation. It also teaches us to look eagerly for His second coming when He will return to redeem His creation and exercise His rule with all power and authority.

This Advent, we prepare for celebrating the birth of our Lord by considering God's great promises in Galatians 4:4-5. Each sermon and liturgy of the four Sundays of Advent will focus on a single phase from this text.

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, **born of woman, born under the law**, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- Why is it significant that God's Son was "**born of woman**"?
- Why was it necessary for Jesus to be "**born under the law**"?
- Christians have a particular way of marking time, fixed on Jesus Christ. Just as God's people awaited Christ's first advent, now we wait for His second advent. For this week's *Call to Worship*, we read Romans 13:11, "*The hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.*" **What will it be like when Jesus comes again?**
- Each Sunday, we pair a complementary Scripture reading with the sermon text. **This week's Old Testament reading was from Jeremiah 33:14-16.**

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Jeremiah saw that David's descendant, the promised Messiah, would "execute justice and righteousness". **How did Jesus execute justice and righteousness in His Incarnation? How will He execute justice and righteousness at His second advent, when He comes again?**

- Each Sunday, we confess our sins and hear words of encouragement from the Scripture. This week, sinners were blessed to hear from Matthew 1:21, "*She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*" **How exactly does Jesus save His people from their sins? How is the truth that Jesus was "**born of woman, born under the law**" connected to our salvation?**
- **Pray together in light of this week's passage.**



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