



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Advent 2023: Hope

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34; Psalm 146

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1. As Advent begins, are there any traditions that mark the Christmas season for you?
2. Hope is the theme of the first week of Advent. How do you define hope? How do you express hope in the Christmas season?
3. Psalm 146 is not your typical Christmas portion of Scripture. Let's read this passage together.
4. How does Psalm 146 speak to the Hebrews' hope for a savior/messiah (First Advent)? How is Psalm 146 fulfilled in Jesus? How does Psalm 146 provide hope for us as we await Christ's return (Second Advent)?
5. Read Matthew 6:26-27. Does it encourage or discourage you? Why? Why do you think Jesus uses birds as an example?
6. Read Matthew 6:28-30. Why do you think Jesus uses lilies and grass as an example? How does it relate to your life?
7. Read Matthew 6:33-34. Does this challenge you? Why or why not? How can you actively seek the kingdom today? How can you do it first?
8. Last week, we began praying for those you are inviting to Christmas at HTC. Harbor Trinity Church exists *to create mature disciples who intentionally help people find and follow Jesus*. How have your invitations gone? How can we continue to pray?