

THE ARRIVAL OF JOY

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:10-12 NLT

_____ News

Great _____

_____ People

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:4-7 NLT

Joy: We are Getting What We Really, Really

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

You will show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy. In your right hand there are pleasures forever more. Psalm 16:11 NLT

**Joy: We are Being _____
it Feels so Good to be Wanted**

Joy: We are _____ Loved

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Psalm 90:14 NIV

We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19 World English Bible

You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy.

1 Peter 1:8 NLT

We Take Joy in God's Plan, which is:

often _____

and Infinitely _____

That is what is meant by the Scriptures which say that no mere man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord. 1 Corinthians 2:9 Living Bible

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *When's the last time you experienced or witnessed great JOY?*
- *Read: Luke 2:10-12. Why is baby Jesus "good news of great joy for all people?"*
- *What would bring you the greatest JOY possible? Essentially, what is it you really, really want?*
- *Read: Psalm 90:14. What's the connection between being loved and experiencing joy?*
- *Read: 1 John 4:19. What's does your response to God's love look like? What could it look like in this season of Advent?*