



## Advent - Faith and Hope

**Icebreaker:** What Holiday experiences do you have planned?

**Read together:** Hebrews 11:1 (NASB), Hebrews 13:14 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- What new things do you notice in the scriptures for this section?
- In what things do you place the most confidence?
  - **Faith in Greek = Pistis** Conviction (sure confidence and fervor) of the truth
  - **Hope in Greek = Elpis** Joyful and confident expectation of good
- What things did you learn about what you were designed for as Pastor Mark spoke?
- What was the Holy Spirit speaking to you during the message?

**Read Together:** Hebrews 11:1-2 (MSG)

**Discuss:**

- What do you experience mentally, emotionally, and physically as you realize that Jesus fulfilled all 353 prophecies about His coming?
- Take a moment to read through the Promises listed below. What things stand out to you?
  - **Jesus Promised:**
    - *John 14:3 - He is coming back*
    - *John 14:2 - He is preparing a place for us*
    - *John 6:39 - He'll raise the dead*
    - *Matthew 28:20 - He'll always be with us*
    - *Acts 1:8 - He'll fill us with power from the Holy Spirit*
    - *Matthew 16:27 - He'll judge all people*
    - *Matthew 5:12 - He'll reward the faithful*
    - *John 14:19 - We will live forever, because he lives forever*
    - *Matthew 16:18 - He'll keep building his church, and hell won't be able to prevail against it*
    - *Matthew 19:28 - He'll make all things new*
    - *Matthew 24:14 - His gospel will be preached to the whole world, and then the end will come*

**Read Together:** Hebrews 10:23 (ESV), Hebrews 10:24 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- How has God been faithful to you?
- Name one way that God has been GOOD to you!
- What is your reaction when you hear that God LIKES you?

- How can you stir up someone else to love and good works this week?

**Pray:**

- Ask God to show you areas where you are not confident IN Him.
- Ask God to give you awe regarding the 353 prophecies that were fulfilled in the coming of Jesus.
- Ask God to show you things about yourself that He likes.
- Ask God to show you someone to encourage and build up this week.