

Open It

This has been a hard year. What words would you use to describe 2020? What difficulties or challenges have made this year stressful, painful or discouraging?

Consider It

Read Jay Y. Kim's article "Hope is an Expectant Leap." What stands out to you as particularly important regarding Christian hope?

Read and reflect on 1 Peter 1:3-5, 13. What does it look like to have a living hope? How are you encouraged or challenged by this passage?

Read Romans 5:3-5; 8:18-30. How have you experienced the connection between suffering, hope and love in your own life? How does the expectation of Christ's return fuel that hope?

Read Revelation 1:4-8; 21:1-5, 22-27; 22:1-5. What draws your attention in these passages particularly in light of the hardships you named earlier? Why is having the Second Advent in view so crucial to our lives in the here and now?

Read Revelation 22:20. In his article, Charlie Dates emphasizes the importance of the saying, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," amid our trials and frustrations. Reflect candidly on our own life: What does it mean to pray that prayer for you today?

Advent: A Living Hope

The Hope of Christ's Return
1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11
November 28 & 29, 2020

Sermon Proposition

Christ Is Coming! Wake up to Hope!