



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Let Earth Receive Her King: King of Hope

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

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1. As we enter the Christmas season, Jesus born in a manger is the primary image. At Easter, we think of Jesus upon the cross. Which aspect of Jesus's birth and death do you find yourself reflecting on more? Why?
2. Revelation 21:1-8 (which we shared last week in service) reveals the New Heaven and New Earth with Jesus seated on the throne. Have you ever considered "King Jesus" in light of Christmas? What about King Jesus at Easter?
3. Colossians 1:15 is an unlikely Advent/Christmas verse. How does this verse encapsulate Christmas?
4. Through the book of Daniel we discussed kingdoms, kings, and faithfulness no matter where God has us. Colossians 1:16 speaks to Jesus's authority over thrones, dominions, rulers, and authorities. Why is this important as we discuss King Jesus, Advent, and Christmas?
5. Hope is not difficult as we consider Christmas. Is there anything you are hoping for or praying for this Christmas?
6. Hope can be more difficult as we consider faith and God. Are there any hopes you have in your relationship with God?
7. Colossians 1 addresses hope specifically multiple times (1:5-6, 23). How do these verses reveal one aspect of the true hope for believers?
8. The Advent/Christmas season is not without its difficulties. How are you able to "continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you have heard" (Colossians 1:23)? What helps you?
9. Our Christmas theme for this year, "Let Earth Receive Her King," is from the Christmas song, "Joy to the World." How is King Jesus still joy to the whole world? How can we share this joy with our family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors this week?
10. We will continue to bring invitation to Christmas at HTC, in particular Christmas Eve services, to our time together each week. Who are you planning to invite? Let's take time to pray together for you and for them?