



The Appearing...

THE COMING OF THE VERY SON OF GOD

Nov 28: The Story of the Exile

Icebreaker:

What Christmas song resonates with you and your family?

Message Bible Text:

Psalms 137:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. Were you surprised when Pastor Tim shared that Psalm 137 continued to share an enormous role in Judaism long after the exile ended? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever lost or been displaced from your home? Even temporarily? How did you feel?
3. What are examples of ways people feel exiled or alienated, abandoned, alone or lost today?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Psalms 22: 1, John 14:23, Micah 4:6-8

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you able to recognize when you are spiritually exiled from Christ?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus left His heavenly throne to bring you home?
3. What to you is the greatest joy of Emmanuel *God with Us*?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Jesus submitted Himself to the will of the Father and was exiled for us.
- We are always in a state of exile. Wherever we are, God calls us to receive Him.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- That we keep Christ the center of Advent.
- Keep our eyes open to those who are spiritually exiled and bring them the hope of Christ Jesus.
- Pray for those that are in physical exile around the world.
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Memory Verse:

John 14:23 - Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

Prayer:

Lord, see us in our captivity...

(the bondage of sin, the chains of depression, the alienation from friends, being cut off from family, feeling like we are far from God, etc.)

Emmanuel, come and make your home in our hearts, we pray. Help us to respond to you and come out of exile. Amen.