



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

What is your favorite Christmas movie?

What makes Christmas a special time for you? If Christmas is a difficult time for you, would you be willing to share why?

MAIN CONTENT

Over the last few weeks, we've been in a series called Advent. Advent is the time of before Christmas, a time where we learn about waiting, hoping and trusting that God has something good for us to come.

Last week we wrote prayers on tags in the lobby. Prayers we wanted to see answered, prayers we are trusting God for.

1. What differences have you seen God make this week by praying over the prayer tags in the lobby?

Our prayers matter. We hear stories of God's redemption and healing from our prayers. God hears our prayers and answers them. It may not be immediately and exactly how you think, but He does work in the waiting. While we work in the waiting, we learn to be patient and trust in Him.

Over the last few weeks, we have discussed how uncomfortable waiting can be. We want an answer immediately and waiting for an answer is not easy.



2. Discuss a time where you waited on God for an answer. How hard was the wait? What happened at the end of the waiting period?





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It's not easy for us to wait on God for an answer. In fact, it's really hard. But in those times of waiting, we see God stretch our faith and do some amazing things.

Read 1 John 4:7-10

In this Scripture, we learn God is love. His love for us runs deep. His love for us never changes. Even in the moments where we try to fill our hearts with other things that can help us get through tough times of waiting, He is still there.

3. Where have you experienced God being love to you in your life?

Not only do we know that God is love, but God showed His love to us by sending Jesus. Jesus shows up by being there for us in our times of happiness, sorrow and need.

4. Where have you felt someone's love for you by just being there or "showing up" in your life?

God sent Jesus so we could live. We could live on this earth with Him as our guide, friend, comforter and to give us eternal life with Him one day...to live a life free of guilt and shame with Him at the center of it. He gives us spiritual life.

5. How do you feel alive in Christ?

When we show love to others, it allows us to feel alive in Christ. The most important commandment we were given is to love others. Not to love them based on their merit - what they have done to you in their past or even how they have messed up. We are to love unconditionally.

Pastor Kevin said, "We owe people love because God loves them. He wants to love them through us." Showing others God's love through us may be the only way they experience God.

6. Have you been basing your love for people on their worth in your eyes or in God's eyes?

God asks us to love. And how we show love is we get up and we show up for others.

7. Where can you get up and show up for someone this week to be God's love for someone?





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CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank You for showing us love through Jesus. Thank You that He is the one we need to help us through our waiting and guiding us. Help us love others as You love us. Show us where to we can serve others and love them.

ACTION STEP

Think of who you can get up and love this week. Show them the love God has for them as we head in to the last week of Advent.

