



SMALL GROUP STUDY

1. Take time to share with your group what you most look forward to this time of year. For some it can be a very good time of the year, and for others it can be a difficult time. Discuss how your anticipation is similar to the prophets and others as they looked forward to the Messiah coming to Earth.

2. Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.

As we begin this discussion of Advent and Christmas, we must have a solid hold on the Word of God. What do we learn about the Bible from these verses? Why is it significant that we firmly believe that the Bible is God's Word to us? What can make it difficult to believe that? Ultimately: what do you believe about this Book?

3. Read **Isaiah 7:14 & Luke 2:12**

The prophets and the angels spoke to people (as messengers for God) what did they both say? What "sign" are they talking about in each?

Does this happen in our lives today? In what ways do we seek and hear from God? What is our authority, ultimately? (meaning: if we hear or experience something attributed to God, what do we compare that to do discern if it's from God?)

4. As we look at Christmas through the eyes of the prophets, we see a God who is in-control, faithful to His Word and who loves us completely. How does prophecy given and fulfilled communicate God's sovereignty and faithfulness? How does it display His love for us?

5. Read & Meditate on **Philippians 2:5-11**

Take the time to breakdown these verses from the perspective of God the Father toward us, of Jesus as an example to us and our response.



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ACCESS TODAY'S MESSAGE

Our website is designed to be a helpful tool for all things Northampton. At www.NBchurchCF.org you'll find: our church calendar, key events, email and text alert sign-ups as well as access to this week's message and past messages - all from your computer, tablet or smartphone!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

Next Step Spiritual Growth Opportunities

A great next step from the Worship Service on Sunday mornings is to connect with Spiritual Growth Opportunities: classes at 9:30am on Sundays as well as small groups and other Bible Studies at various times during the week.

Children's & Youth Ministry

We have a safe place for your children and teens! There are several environments throughout the week for preschoolers, children, middle & high school students to take part in, connect with friends and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Whether you're in a small group now or not, use this study guide to help you as you listen to the message and during the week as you dig deeper into God's Word through the "Small Group Study" section. All of this is designed to help you along the path of discipleship to **Believe > Belong > Become** like Jesus!



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