



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024 | DISCIPLE MAKERS

WARM-UP QUESTION

How does Advent relate to our call to make disciples?

DISCUSS

Read Isaiah 9:2-7

- How does the image of light breaking into darkness speak to us during Advent, and in what ways can we reflect Christ's light in a world still filled with darkness?
- Jesus is called the "Wonderful Counselor." What does this reveal to us about his character?
- How does waiting for Christ's coming during Advent deepen our faith, prepare our hearts to receive Him, and what is God teaching us in this season of waiting?
- Jesus is called the "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9. How does this promise of peace speak to us in a world filled with conflict? How can we become agents of peace in our own relationships and communities?
- How can prayer and fasting during Advent help center our hearts on Christ's coming, and in what specific ways could you engage these practices this season?

Read Matthew 28:16-20

- How does understanding Jesus' authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18) impact how we view our role in the Great Commission, and how does this truth strengthen our confidence to make disciples?
- How does the command to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19) connect with our anticipation of Christ's coming during Advent, and how can this season inspire us to share the gospel?
- Making disciples is a process, sometimes requiring training wheels. How can you begin discipling others, even if you're still growing in your own faith?
- What are simple ways you can take steps toward discipling others this Advent season?
- How does reflecting on the birth of Jesus this Advent, along with His life, death, and resurrection, stir a sense of urgency in us to fulfill the Great Commission?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it? What steps could He be asking you to take?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.