



GROWTH GUIDE

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Songs of Christmas A Song of Hope

For the week of **December 03, 2017**

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GOAL: To understand the song of hope that Jesus brings in our lives.

GET GOING:

1. It's natural for us to put our hope in a lot of places. In what have you put your hope in the past? In what do you put your hope now? In what do you need to put your hope?

2. According to Pastor Ron's message, what is Advent really about?

3. Do you tend to hope more for what God wants in your life, or what you want in your life?

BONUS THOUGHT:

According to modern research on historical events around the time of Jesus' birth, He was most likely born sometime in 4 BC.

MEMORY VERSE:

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days" (Micah 5:2).

KEEP GROWING

4. Turn to Genesis 15. Just as the wise men were hoping and waiting for the arrival of a baby (Jesus), even in his old age, Abraham, was waiting on the promises of God for a child.

- What jumps out to you in this passage?

- What aspects of hope from this weekend's message do you see in Abraham?

5. As we tend to put hope in a lot of places, we can also put hope in ourselves and our own abilities. In what ways do you tend to do this? How can you lean on God more this week and put your hope in Him and in His promises?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

The month of December is the month for Passion Gifts. Grab a Winter Quarterly, head to the Passion Gifts display in the lobby, or go to highpoint.church/passiongifts to see all the opportunities available for you to give back, over and above your regular giving, to the building of God's Kingdom. The question is: what are you passionate about? Pick a cause and give back this month.