

**Advent Week #1:**  
**The Need of Jesus to Come**  
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Isaiah 64:1-9 (Page # 567 in the Pew Bibles)

**1. The Need for God to Burst vv.1-4**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Shall Return
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Can Occur
- c. LWC's Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The Need for Reality to Set-In vv.5-8**

- a. God's \_\_\_\_\_ on Those Who Do  
\_\_\_\_\_ v. 5
- b. Isaiah \_\_\_\_\_ with  
\_\_\_\_\_ v. 6
- c. Righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rags v. 6
- d. Proper \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer v. 7

**3. The Need for Jesus to Return v. 9**

- a. May Jesus Come and \_\_\_\_\_ Our  
Place Under God
- b. May Jesus Come and \_\_\_\_\_ Our  
Sins in Whole
- c. May Jesus Come and Find His People  
\_\_\_\_\_, Doing \_\_\_\_\_  
and Anticipating God's \_\_\_\_\_

## Study Questions

### Fall 2017: Week 10 of 12

(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Group, More is Optional)

#### Looking Up to God:

Read this weeks Advent Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 8:1-7; 17-19, Mark 13:24-37; and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. What are we to be doing while waiting for Jesus' return?

**True or False:** The Church is properly waiting for the return of Christ.

What will Jesus' physical return look like? Do a topical search via google if you need: "Scriptures on Jesus' Return".

#### Looking into Others:

This week's message in point 2 spoke about the need for *reality to set-in*. Circle the subpoint that you feel is the greatest need for the church to demonstrate.

1. God's Smile on Those Who Do Good (not be Good) v. 5
2. Isaiah Connection with *Not Yets* (no they but a we) v. 6
3. Righteousness Deeds as Worthless Rags (tainting of self-interest) v. 6
4. Proper Response of Convictional Prayer v. 7

How can the church grow in this area?

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The things I like most about the Christmas season is . . .

What would it look like for Jesus to come spiritually (not literal second coming) to either America, LWC, or your life during this Christmas season? Try not to give an easy answer but give this some thought. Remember all our answers are to prepare us for good discussion.

**Looking Out to Others (Warning Painful this Week):**

Make a list of people in your sphere of influence that might not fair well if Jesus was to return. Please think of those outside of your family. Remember we are not to cast judgement, say who is going to be saved and who is not, but we are to care for people's spiritual well-being, so we are to critically inspect the fruit of their lives.

Now do the same for family members-

**Looking Ahead:**

While the Scripture say that this is impossible, if you were the only one given the time of Jesus' return what would you do?

**Looking into Myself (Private):**

In light of this week's focus take five minutes to pray and ask God to come to you personally during this advent season.