

Small Groups @ TBC
Sermon Discussion Notes

Date of Sermon: 14:12:14

Speaker: David Lawrence

Title: Advent 1 - When the King Comes: New Creation

Introduction:

Advent is a time for remembering both the first and second comings of Jesus. The second coming should be a cause for hope and the means of encouraging us to stand firm as Christians. (Remember, the joyful future set before Jesus, enabled him to endure the cross – Hebrews 12:2).

Review:

Jesus spoke about his second advent numerous times (e.g. Matt 24:30). We can therefore be sure that it will happen and can expect it to be a time for “the removal of the faithless” (Matthew 24:36-44), “the reward of the faithful” (Rev. 22:12, 21:7) and “the renewal of all things” (Matthew 19:28) (these are the main points from the talk).

Read

Revelation 21:1-8

Reflect

What *encouraged* you from the talk on Sunday?

Was there anything in the talk that you have been thinking about since?

What do you find attractive about the Christian hope of ‘creation renewed’?

What *questions* did the talk and this reading raise in your mind?

Is there a phrase, line or verse that you find *particularly challenging*?

How does this passage help to *make sense of the world* we live in?

What does this passage have to say *specifically to Christians*?

Respond

Love for God: How did this talk speak to you about God’s love? How does this talk encourage you to love God?

Love for One Another: How does the new community of the age to come, help us understand what it means to love one another now?

Love for Neighbour & World: In what ways do these themes shape our responses and relationships with those we meet who may not know God personally?

And Finally...

- What is the main thing you are taking away as an action point?
- How can we pray for you?
- Is there anything we can check on next time we meet?