

Waiting For You

Waiting for the Healer

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – November 26, 2017

1. Happy Thanksgiving! Open in prayer.
2. Pastor Derwin opened the sermon by saying, "Our modern world is moving fast, but where are we going and who are we becoming?"
 - What do you think about this statement as it relates to our walk of faith in God's kingdom?
3. Advent means "coming."
Advent is a season in which we're waiting for the arrival of Jesus. The Jewish people of the first-century, second Temple context, were waiting for the Jewish Messiah to come and liberate them from the oppressive Roman occupation. Yet, Jesus, the Messiah, came to liberate both Jews and Gentiles from the greatest dark power oppression—sin, death, and evil. For the next several weeks of Advent, we'll look at the different aspects of Jesus' liberating power. Take the next four weeks to marinate on the coming of our Messiah.
4. Read and discuss Isaiah 53:3-6.
This is one of the great prophecies of the Bible that the early church used to argue that Jesus was indeed the Jewish (Servant) Messiah.
5. Pastor Derwin said, "Our redemption is located in God's story, for God's purposes."
 - What does he mean? And why is this important to our discipleship?
6. Read Isaiah 53:3.
Note: Jesus was rejected by his home town (Luk3 4:16-30), by the Jewish religious establishment, by the Roman leadership, and even by his disciples. At a human level he was completely familiar with rejection.

Pastor Derwin said, "Jesus was despised and rejected so we wouldn't be."
 - What insights can we gain as this relates to our covenant with God?
 - How does being accepted by God based on Jesus affect how we respond when we're rejected by people?
7. Read Isaiah 53:4.
Note: Sickness can be translated as "grief."
 - First, the Messiah healed physical sickness in His ministry to validate that He was the Messiah. When He healed Jews He always told them to go show themselves to the Jewish priest because sickness was viewed as a curse and the sick person was barred from the Temple and worship. By healing them, they could worship again at the temple.
 - Second, healing is 100% guaranteed in the resurrection. Yet, from time to time, the Lord can heal today. But every healing is temporary until the resurrection.
 - Third, the "Sickness" that Jesus carried for us to the cross was our sin-sickness that diminishes our humanity. Jesus comes to make us spiritually healthy, so we can flourish as God's people, reflecting God's glory in our character.

Pastor Derwin said, "Jesus bore our brokenness."

- On the cross Jesus absorbed all evil for all time and the sin-sickness of humanity on the cross.
 - Discuss how this impacts our discipleship.
- Read Matthew 5:4.
 - There is a hidden blessing in grief.
 - Discuss how this affects our discipleship.

8. Read Isaiah 53:5.

Pastor Derwin said, "Jesus' wounds heal our wounds."

- What insights can we gain from this passage?

9. Read Isaiah 53:6 and John 10:11.

Pastor Derwin said, "Jesus, the Good Shepherd is the One who calls us home."

- What insights can we gain from this statement, according to the two Scriptures we read?

Soul-tattoo: Become wounded healers.

- Prayer: Lord Jesus, may our scars be reminders of how Your scars and the blood that flowed from them heal us, so we can become wounded healers. In Jesus' Nam