

I. Synopsis

All the days leading up to Christmas, it is easy to focus on the external frills and trimmings of the celebration. During this season of Advent, we want to focus on WHO instead of WHAT. All the passages of Scripture look ahead to the time when Jesus will return to make all things new. In today's passage, we learn how to live each day as we wait for Jesus' return.

II. Ice Breaker Question

As you think about Christmases of past, what memory brings you joy?

III. Scripture: 2 Peter 3:1-18(ESV)

IV. Discussion Questions

1. In order to explain the 2nd coming, Jesus referenced the flood (Matthew 24:36-39). What are the parallels between the 1st judgment (Genesis 6, 7) and the 2nd coming of Jesus (2 Peter 3:1-10)? What does this tell you about God's character?
2. Based on the reading from 2 Peter, what is God's heart for us? When you hear that everyone will be judged when Jesus returns, what are your thoughts? Do you have concerns regarding judgment day? Who is the only One who the ability to cast judgment? Why do you suppose judgment needs to take place?
3. If Jesus returned this afternoon how would you feel about His return? Would you be ready for His return? Discuss. How might you live each day so that you might be ready for His 2nd coming?