

longing for LIGHT

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LONGING FOR HOPE | CREATION | Genesis 1-4

Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred (Guest)

S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we entered the advent season – a time of longing, waiting and expectation for the incarnation of Jesus. We welcomed Ray Aldred as our guest speaker to bring us back to the beginning of all things as told in the creation narratives, to help us find hope in the person of Jesus.

R E A D

Genesis 1-4. As a group, decide which portions of Scripture to read aloud together, or consider listening to an audio version.

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) What new insights about the creation narratives did you take away from Ray's teaching – what surprised you? What unsettled you?
- 2) What connections do you see between the creation narratives and the coming of Jesus?
- 3) What are the implications of Jesus being the renewal of all things?
- 4) What role does our attentiveness to, and care of creation play in our apprenticeship journey with Jesus?

R E S P O N D

During advent, we are responding to the light through four practices – naming the darkness through confession, waiting for the dawn in silence, turning to the light in repentance, and acknowledging what is revealed through adoration.

Take time as a group to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where you might be lacking hope in your life.

CONFESS

Name your *despair*. Write down the specifics – memories, words, phrases, lies, attitudes.

LISTEN

Spend 5 minutes in silence with the following posture: 'Jesus, I wait for your *hope*.'

REPENT

Take some time to submit your *despair*. Be specific. 'Jesus, I give you my *despair*.'

ADORE

Allow Jesus to make the exchange of your *despair* for his *hope*.

P R A Y

Read Psalm 62:5-8 in a posture of gratitude and adoration.

As a group, take time to pray your adoration.



FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE, BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER