



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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November 24-30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sermon by Rev. Stephen Coleman: "A New Hope"

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals,
make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

Questions for small groups and individual reflection:

1. What does the genealogy of Jesus tell you about him?
2. Compare Matthew's genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17) to Luke's genealogy (Luke 3:23-38). What are the similarities and differences? Why do you think they are different?
3. There are four women mentioned in Matthew's genealogy. What is the significance of these four women to you?

Monday, November 24: Read Matthew 1:1-17

Today's passage is an interesting way to begin the season of Advent. Jesus' genealogy is not your typical Advent passage. Most of us tend to skip over genealogies when they appear in the Bible. The names are hard to pronounce, and most of the people we do not recognize or know. But the Gospel of Matthew starts with this genealogy in an attempt to answer the central question, "Who is Jesus Christ?"

As we begin to prepare for the gathering of family and friends that form a central part of our observance of Advent and Christmas, we are challenged to pause and reflect on the significance of the names and people in Jesus's family, especially the four women who are included. As we gather as Jesus's family in the upcoming weeks, we will strive to gain an understanding of how Jesus's past not only helps us more fully understand and appreciate the importance and meaning of his birth but also gives us hope both now and in the future.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *How does knowing about ancestors and family lineage affect someone? How does it affect you?*

Tuesday, November 25: Read Isaiah 2:1-5

One does not have to read far into the Old Testament before realizing the importance of family and ancestors to the Jewish people. In today's prophetic reading from Isaiah, we see how important being the "descendants of Jacob" is to the Jewish people. This is their identity; Jacob's God is their God. As adopted heirs to this legacy, brought to us by Christ, we can share in this lineage and inheritance. The prophets continually call the people to remember the past and what God has done for their ancestors. They also use this call to give people hope for the future, for by looking at the past, we are reminded of God's eternal love and faithfulness as shown by what God has already done. How often do we take time to remember what God has done for us, even before we were born? What difference could that make in our hope for the future?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Take time to thank God for everything God did for you before you were even born.*

Wednesday, November 26: Read Matthew 24:36-44

We continue to explore the relationship between honoring the past and having hope for the future by diving into this Advent lectionary reading that reminds us that Advent is about watching and waiting. Waiting for Jesus. Watching for what God will do through Jesus in our lives and in our world. So many people have lost hope in today's world. As an Advent people, we can never lose hope. Rather, we keep watch, ready to see God's blessings and Christ's healing love anytime, anywhere.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss the difference between living in a state of watchfulness for good things to come versus living in a state of believing all hope is lost. What can we do to spread hope?*

Thursday, November 27: THANKSGIVING DAY: Read Psalm 34:1-8

As we gather today to celebrate Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all God has done for us, even as we recognize that many of us may be dealing with pain, loneliness, loss, illness, and struggle right now. Living in hope and thanksgiving is not about sweeping our feelings and realities under the rug; it is about finding joy and hope in the midst of pain. Today, let us give our thanks and praise while asking God to use us to be a source of joy, deliverance, hope, and love to others throughout this upcoming season.

- **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** *Today, taste and see that the Lord is good!*

Friday, November 28: Read Romans 13:11-14

Today's passage from Romans speaks to the relationship between hope and personal responsibility. Because we live in hope, we are called to live as one clothed in Christ and living in the Kingdom. The day after Thanksgiving can be a wonderful time to reflect on how we want to show up during Advent as the light of Christ and hope to others. It's also a great time to make commitments with our family and loved ones. Now is the acceptable time. What will we do?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Make a commitment to do one thing differently this Advent season that will bring you closer to the light and closer to the hope and joy of Christ.*

Saturday, November 29: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Isaiah 2:5

"Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD."

Sunday, November 30: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:

O gracious God, in Jesus Christ, you come among us as a light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light. We are often distracted by the hype and cliches of the season rather than the truths of Advent and Christmas. We often close our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and all our sins. Renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and discover the true meaning of Christmas. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.