York St Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 15 November 2020

Christmas is Coming – The Promise Genesis 3:15 & Romans 16:20



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



GETTING STARTED

Q1. Can you think of something in your life that continually distracts you from your faith, something that creates chaos in your spiritual walk with God?

Q2. Can you think of a time you let go of something that freed you up in such a way that you just knew it was right, as if there was a calm in the moment that could only come from God?

INTO THE WORD

Read Genesis 3:15

Q3. We know that when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (Gen 3:1-7) they damaged the relationship with their creator and there were consequences. We see that Satan also had consequences and the evidence can still be seen, such as when he 'strikes our heels' distracting us from becoming more like Christ. How do you see Satan alive today?

Read Romans 16:20

Q4. Paul writes to the Church in Rome and reminds them that our God is a God of peace and our Lord Jesus offers grace, however, Satan is not fully defeated (yet). What does that mean to you today, knowing that he WILL be crushed, but not yet?

GOING DEEPER

Read Hebrews 2:14

Q5. When Jesus rose from the dead (Mark 16) he defeated Satan, and while the devil still strikes at our heels, we know the war has already been won. How can we live a life of victory when the battles continue? What do we need to do to protect ourselves until that time comes that God crushes the enemy once and for all eternity?

Q6. Christmas is a time to remember that God loved us so much that he gave us His son (John 3:16-17), because of this, we have someone who fights the battles for us, who has beaten the enemy, and who brings calm to the chaos. When you picture the victorious Jesus, what does Christmas mean to you?

Pray

Father, we thank you that Christmas is coming, that there is a time to stop and remember that the victory has been won, and while our world is in chaos, we have a calm knowing that your promises have always been and always will remain true. Please help us to set our eyes on the hope that is found in Christ this year as we look to Christmas and the victory we have through your Son. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen