

Together, We Wait: Week 1—We Come

Text: Isaiah 64:1-9

Warming Up

Questions:

1. *What is your favorite part of the Advent season?*
2. *What are you waiting for?*

Digging In

Read **Isaiah 64:1-4**.

Questions:

1. *Based on the opening of this passage, does this seem like a good or difficult time in the lives of God's people?*
2. *Where do they seem to feel God is in their time of trouble?*
3. *Why do you think they are talking about God's "awesome things" in the past tense?*
4. *Tell us about a time when it felt like God wasn't present in your life, or that His "awesome things" were only in your past.*

Read **Isaiah 64:5-7**.

Questions:

1. *Why do the people think that God may have distanced Himself from them?*
2. *What do you think God was angry about in this passage?*
3. *What do you think God gets angry about in our time?*
4. *Does God's anger bother, disturb, or encourage you? What other emotions does it raise?*

Read **Isaiah 64:8-9**.

Questions:

1. *How may have the image of God as Father been helpful to the people of God?*
2. *How may have the image of God as potter been helpful to the people of God?*

Sending Out

Read **Isaiah 64:1-9** again as a whole.

Questions:

1. *Why do you think this particular passage has historically been used during Advent?*
2. *In what ways do you see this passage anticipating the life of Jesus?*
3. *In what way would you like to experience God coming to you as Father?*
4. *In what way would you like to experience God coming to you as Potter?*

Closing

Take a moment in silence to come before God and ask the question, "What word or phrase or idea or moment does God want me to remember from this morning and carry with me this week?"

Close with prayer.