

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Life Group Study Advent Reflections

“He slipped into our world through the back roads and outlying districts of one of the least important places on earth and has allowed his program for human history to unfold ever so slowly through the centuries.

He lived for thirty years among socially insignificant members of a negligible nation—though one with a rich tradition of divine covenant and interaction. He grew up in the home of the carpenter for the little Middle-Eastern village of Nazareth. After his father, Joseph, died, he became ‘the man of the house’ and helped his mother raise the rest of the family. He was an ordinary workman: a ‘blue-collar’ worker.

He did all this to be with us, to be one of us, ...The obviously well kept secret of the “ordinary” is that it is made to be a receptacle of the divine, a place where the life of God flows.

Dallas Willard, The Divine Conspiracy

Advent is a time to reflect, and watch, and anticipate. It is a time to sift through and reflect on our own lives.

Read Mark 1:35-37

Discuss this passage of scripture and Jesus example to us.

How can we swim against the tide of consumerism and busyness which dominates our society in the lead up to Christmas?

Talk through the reflection points from Sunday...

What can I lay down?

What grace can I extend?

What will I dare to dream?

Salutations by Luci Shaw

*Framed in light,
Mary sings through the doorway
Elizabeth's six month joy
Jumps, a palpable greeting
A hidden first encounter
Between son & Son
And my heart turns over
When I meet Jesus
In you.*