

# Grace Guide



**NOVEMBER 24-30**

## **“Where Are We Going?” Advent 1: Are We There Yet?**

**MONDAY  
11/24**

**ISAIAH 2:1-5**

The prophet Isaiah pictures a future where the nations stream toward the mountain of the Lord, seeking God’s ways and walking in God’s paths. In a world filled with conflict, Isaiah invites us to imagine a destination shaped not by fear or rivalry but by peace, justice, and the transforming word of God. Advent reminds us that we are traveling toward this promised future even now, learning to “walk in the light of the Lord” as we practice the ways of Christ in our relationships, in our choices, and in our communities.

1. What part of Isaiah’s vision do you most long to see become real in your own life or in our community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Where do you sense God inviting you to “walk in the light” in a new or renewed way this week?

**TUESDAY**  
**11/25**

## **MICAH 5:1-5**

This is a parallel to yesterday's reading from Isaiah. The prophet Micah speaks of a ruler who will emerge from an unlikely place – Bethlehem. The leader will be someone whose strength, peace, and leadership come from God rather than from power or status. This promised shepherd-king leads people with tenderness and faithfulness, offering security grounded not in human achievement but in God's presence. Advent calls us to remember that God's future often comes through small, surprising beginnings, and to look for Christ's peace in unexpected places in our own journey.

1. How does the humble birth place of Jesus – our Savior and Lord – challenge the way you think about power and influence and success?
2. What “small beginnings” in your life might God be using to shape a greater purpose?

**WEDNESDAY**  
**11/26**

## **ROMANS 13:8-14**

Paul reminds believers that love is the fulfillment of God's law and that living in love prepares us for the dawning of God's new day. He urges us to wake up, to lay aside the behaviors that dim our witness, and to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” as our way of life. Advent is a season of awakening, calling us to consider where God is leading us and to move toward that future with hearts shaped by love, integrity, and hope.

1. Where can you sense God inviting you to “wake up” to something you might have ignored or delayed?
2. What does it look like for you to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” in your interactions this week, particularly in anything difficult or challenging that might be coming up?

**THURSDAY**

**11/27**

## **1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**

Paul urges Jesus followers to live with alertness and hope, remembering that they belong to the light rather than the darkness. While the timing of the Lord's return is unknown, the way we live as people shaped by Christ is not uncertain. We encourage one another, we build each other up, and we stay awake to what God is doing. Advent invites us to be people who move toward God's future with confidence, living each day as those prepared to meet Christ with faith and love.

1. In what areas of your life do you find it easiest – or hardest – to stay spiritually awake and alert?
2. How does living as a “child of the light” influence a choice or relationship you're navigating right now?

**FRIDAY**

**11/28**

## **PSALM 122**

Psalm 122 is a “song of ascent” meaning it was probably one of the songs sung as pilgrims walked up the hill (ascended) to the Temple for festivals. This psalm expresses joyful anticipation as those pilgrims journeyed toward Jerusalem, a city meant to embody unity, worship, and peace. This psalm reminds us that part of following God is cultivating a longing for the wholeness and harmony that God desires for churches and communities and nations. Advent calls us to move toward that vision with glad expectancy, praying and working for peace in the places where we live, worship, and serve.

1. When do you experience joy or anticipation when you think about gathering with the people of God?
2. Where is God inviting you to pray for peace: in your family, workplace, church, or city or somewhere else?

