

THE PROMISE

Discussion Notes

This week Chloe looked at how advent is a time of waiting for us. It's a good chance for us to step back and think about what we are waiting for in our lives.

- How good are you at waiting for things? Would you describe yourself as patient?
- What are you waiting for in life at the moment?

In Matthew 24:3-8, Jesus explains there is going to be a period of time between when he came and when he will come again at the end of time.

- Do you think much about Jesus return? If so, what do you think about it? If not, why not?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says 'birth pains'? What can we learn from this expression?

Chloe explains that this 'birth' that Jesus talks about is the birth of a new creation - God is going to create a new Heaven and new Earth.

- One challenge of having a faith that tells us that there is going to come a day when there is no more suffering or pain, is that we can disconnect from today. It can be easier to focus on the future and just wait for a time when things are easier. How can we make sure we live today to the full whilst also looking ahead to a brighter future?

You might want to take some time at the end thinking about the Christmas season and the opportunities it gives us to invite friends to engage with our Carol service. What can you do to share this with others - online or in person? Make some goals for who you will reach out to and how you will go about inviting them. End by praying for openness for your friends and boldness for yourselves.