

Week of December 1 Advent is a season of hopeful anticipation for the return of Immanuel.

## DISCUSSION & PRAYER (PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7)

What has God done that you are thankful for this week?

—What challenge are you facing?

## SCRIPTURE

## Matthew 25:1-13

(Read this passage on your own and aloud as a group.)

1. What stands out to you from this Scripture?

REFLECTION

2. How do you think this passage fits into the season of Advent that leads up to Christmas?

## APPLICATION

1. Read Revelation 21:1-5. How does anticipating the return of Jesus bring hope and light, even during dark times?

2. What kept people from recognizing Immanuel when Jesus came the first time?

3. How can you be ready for His return?

NOTE: This is the last week of small groups! Thank you to everyone who participated and to all the hosts and leaders for making this possible! If you haven't already, please fill out the electronic evaluation emailed to you by your leader. Otherwise, you can fill out a hard copy to give to Rachael Allen: <u>Small Group Evaluation</u>.