

# Advent 2020: Songs of Hope

## Discussion Questions

**Date:** November 29, 2020 / **Scripture:** Psalm 147

1. Read Psalm 147. What stands out to you?
2. Read Ezra 3:10-13. Psalm 147 was written around the same time as the events of Ezra 3. How does remembering the “backstory” of our waiting help us to hope?
3. Reflect on seasons of waiting in your life. What were you waiting for? How long did you wait? What was it like to wait?
4. We are commanded (and invited!) to praise the Lord. Why is praise sometimes difficult? How does remembering God’s might and mercy help us to praise him?
5. Listen to *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*. Reflect together on the themes of the song. After discussing what stands out and speaks to you, spend some time praying along those themes.

### ***Inward Grace in Action***

*The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.*

1. Think of a time in your life where praising the Lord seemed insurmountably difficult. Share what led you to that place and what led you out.
2. Spend some time sharing with a partner or journaling about the Lord’s might and mercy in your life this past year.

### ***WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK***

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures (choose just one each day!):

- Psalm 13
- 1 Kings 8:1-21
- Ezra 3
- Isaiah 89:1-7
- Luke 1:26-28
- Revelation 22:10-21

*Listen* to the Advent 2020: Songs of Hope worship playlist on Spotify.

*Reach out* if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons’ Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

You can also find additional resources on our [website](#).