



BEYOND SUNDAY

Season of Songs — 12.8.24

Joy to the World (A Song of Two Advents) — Mark Turney

1. **Icebreaker:** Share a favorite Christmas carol. How does it inspire or challenge your faith during the season?
2. **Teenage Rebellion:** Isaac Watts wrote "Joy to the World" out of teenage frustration with church music. Can you think of a time when frustration or questioning led you to something meaningful in your spiritual journey?
3. **Hope Amid Suffering:** The sermon highlighted the brokenness of the world (wars, natural disasters, sin). How do you personally find joy in the midst of life's hardships?

READ MARK 1:14, 2 PETER 3:8-9, 1 THESSALONIANS 4:17-18

4. **Second Advent:** "Joy to the World" was written about Jesus' second coming, not His first. How does understanding this shift your view of the song and its message?
5. **Already and Not Yet:** The sermon explained that God's kingdom is "already but not yet." What does it look like in your life to live in this tension?

- 6. Kingdom Vision:** Jesus' miracles foreshadowed a perfect Kingdom (e.g., healing, feeding the hungry). Which aspects of this Kingdom give you the most hope, and why?
- 7. Preparing Room:** "Let every heart prepare Him room" was a key call to action. What does preparing room for Jesus in your heart look like during this Advent season?
- 8. Reconciliation with the King:** The ABCs of reconciliation (Admit, Believe, Commit) were outlined. Which of these steps feels most natural to you, and which might challenge you the most?
- 9. Second Advent Encouragement:** 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 speaks of Jesus' triumphant return. How does this promise encourage or motivate you in your daily life?
- 10. Proclaiming Joy:** The sermon ended with a call to "repeat the sounding joy." How can you share the message of hope and joy with others in your community this season?