

## NOTES & QUOTES

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WEEK TWO | DECEMBER 4



PREPARING OUR SOULS  
FOR WONDER. PREPARING  
OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

**INVITE & RESPOND**



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## CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What is the best invitation you have ever received and why?
2. This week's Advent candle was the candle of Peace. How is your heart in terms of peace today and what things bring peace to you?
3. What are some specific Christmas events or activities that might bring peace to your heart this season?

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## THRIVE & COMMIT

(EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH & BE ON MISSION)

Miriam Dixon and Margaret Campbell write; "It is hard to believe that God's redemption plan depended upon the obedient cooperation of a teenage girl. Yet it did. And in the course of ordinary events, souls still today are called by God to a life of perfect submission where we have a role in God's ongoing work. It seems risky, but it's God's way."

Read these scriptures that center around the theme of "invitation" and answer the corresponding questions.

ISAIAH 40:25-31

How do these verses speak to the fact that God is inviting you to participate in his purposes, and how do they make you feel as you contemplate them?

LUKE 1:26-38

Gabriel's invitation to Mary is extraordinary – her response is no less extraordinary. How is it that she was able to respond in this manner and how do you think you would have responded?

JOHN 5:1-8

No-one is too broken to be excluded from the invitations that God offers. In what areas of your life does Jesus's question, "Do you want to get well?" apply and what would it look like to pick up your mat and walk in those areas?

2 PETER 1:3-11

What invitation is God offering you in these verses?

REVELATION 3:14-21

How are these verses an invitation to a deeper and richer life in God?

### PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

Here is an Advent prayer you can pray this week

"Heavenly Father, I thank you for inviting me to yourself and that you offer an invitation to participate in your purposes.

Show me the invitations you are extending to me right now.

Help me to model your example of invitation and welcome to others. I pray that in all things my response to the invitations you offer will be a resounding "yes!"

In Jesus name, Amen.