

Are You Ready for Christmas?

1. How much is your Christmas tree worth?

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.” --Isaiah 61:10

2. What is the theme for the Third Sunday in Advent?

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the *poor*. He has sent me to bind up the *brokenhearted*, to proclaim freedom for the *captives* and release from darkness for the *prisoners*.” --Isaiah 61:1

3. Underline the words in the above passage that suggest that life was not perfect for the people of Isaiah/s time. How do you find joy in a joyless environment?

4. Who do you know that may be celebrating a joyless Christmas this year? Why? What can you do to bring some joy to this person's life?

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness shines forth like the dawn, and her salvation like a blazing torch.” -- Isaiah 62:1

5. When it comes to the message of Christmas why is it important to speak and "not keep silent"? How can you do this?

6. How will you keep Christ at the center of your Christmas celebration?

“Behold a virgin shall conceive and shall bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.” (which means God with us) --Isaiah 7:14

7. How can the knowledge that "God is with us" bring joy, even to a Christmas that seems joyless?