

## **Advent: Where is the Peace?//Matthew 13:44 & Hebrews 12:1-3**

### **Sermon date 12/3/2023**

#### **Get To Know You**

1) When have you experienced joy? What were the circumstances? How would you describe how it felt?

#### **Unpack It**

What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon and why? What was a takeaway or something that left you wondering about?

#### **Diving In**

Read together: Matthew 13:44 and Hebrews 12

#### **Diving Deeper**

- 1) How have you seen God work in your life lately?
- 2) What is the difference between joy and happiness?
- 3) What is the most valuable thing you have ever found? What was it? How valuable would a treasure have to be for you to sell everything you had to get it?
- 4) Discuss what stops you from looking solely to Jesus. What hinders your?
- 5) The author brings the passage full circle and exhorts us to look to Jesus as the example of our life. How come we fail to look to Jesus as our example for living? What characteristics of Jesus do you want more in your life?
- 6) Jesus is compassionate to others, endures suffering, is generous, and invests into others. Which one of these could you grow in and practice in your life this week? Why and how?
- 7) When you grow weary, how do you get filled back up?

#### **Closing It Out**

- 8) Do you need joy in this season? Share and pray with each other for needs for your yourself, your friends and family that need the peace that Jesus gives.

#### **Keeping It Going**

Read Romans 15:13, James 1:2, John 16:24 this week. Pray and journal about your desire, your journey and your hope for joy. Create a plan for fixing your eyes on Jesus each and everyday.