

Can you think of time when something happened at just the right moment? Perhaps you received an opportunity before it was too late or found help in your hour of greatest need. Please share and explain how it was timely.

Read **Galatians 4:4-5** and discuss the following.

*“Fullness of time”* is another way of saying *“at just the right time.”* God is telling us through His word that Christ’s advent was according to His perfect timing and plan. What do we know about the world at the time of Jesus’ birth? How was it a prime occasion for His coming? How had the Lord specifically prepared His people for their Messiah?

Read and discuss the following OT prophecies: **Genesis 3:15; Genesis 49:10; Isaiah 11:10; Micah 5:2-5a; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7.**

What do these prophecies tell us about the coming Christ? How were they fulfilled?

How do the above passages support Paul’s words in **Galatians 4:4**?

The fact that *“God sent forth His Son”* indicates Christ’s existence before the manger in Bethlehem. How so, and why is this important? What does this particular verse teach us about Jesus?

Discuss the implications of what we’ve read. What do these passages tell us about God? What do they tell us about His promises and His timing? How do they serve as an encouragement to you in this season?

Advent is a time when we remember and celebrate the Incarnation—when Jesus put on flesh and dwelt among us. As God’s people longed with anticipation for His coming, we too want to ready ourselves for His second coming. What do you need to do to prepare your heart for worship this season? Is anything making you anxious? Are there any distractions or concerns hindering you from enjoying God?

Pray together for one another as we enter this Advent season.