

**Application:**

5. In what ways does news of the Coming One bring you joy? How can you help others see the joy that Christ's coming provides? How can you declare the Coming One to others while practically living in light of His coming?

6. What other "coming attractions" threaten to pull your gaze from the true Coming One? How might you (individually and as a group) address this?

7. Specifically in this Advent season, how are you preparing your heart for the Coming One? How are you helping others to prepare?

**The Joy of the Coming One**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*(December 8, 2013)*

The Coming One:

1. Joy increases as we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 1)

✧ We need "Good News" (Is. 40:9; Rom. 1:16-17)

✧ Light pierces through the darkness (Is. 9:2; Col. 1:13-14)

2. Joy increases as we \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_!  
(v. 2-6)

✧ John's purpose (Luke 1:76-79)

✧ Get ready! (John 1:6-9)

3. Joy increases as we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_!  
(v. 7-8)

✧ “Advent”

✧ Declare the First Advent! (Is. 40:1ff; Luke 2:10-11;  
John 3:30)

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1 Thess. 3:11-13; James 5:7-8; 1 John 2:28-29)

### **Message-Based Discussion Questions**

1. What is coming up in your life that has you excited? What are you most looking forward to?

### **Digging Deeper:**

2. If someone was to ask you why Christ came, what would your response be? How would you support your answer with Scripture?

3. Look at Matthew 16:13-15. Describe the uniqueness of the “Coming One,” Jesus Christ. How does the world get confused about the nature of this Coming One?

Using Scripture, how would you help someone see the *true* nature of Jesus Christ?

4. Examine passages such as John 1:9-13, Romans 1:16-17, and 1 Peter 1:3-5. How should a person’s heart respond to the news of the Coming One?