

Dec 21/25 The Invitation of Love (Isaiah 30:1-2, 15-21)

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon describes Advent as a season of waiting, longing, and feeling the ache of the world. Where have you felt that ache most strongly this season—personally or globally?
2. Isaiah names Judah's alliance with Egypt as turning back to the place of slavery for security. What are some of the "Egypt" you're most tempted to turn to when life feels painful, uncertain, or overwhelming?
3. Egypt seemed like a practical, reasonable solution at the time. Why do you think our "Egypt" often feel so sensible—or even God-approved—in the moment?
4. "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." What makes trust feel harder—or scarier—than taking control or acting quickly?
5. Simone Weil says, "Looking is what saves us." What might it look like, practically, for you to "look at Jesus" this week—instead of looking to distraction, fear, or control?
6. Where might Jesus be inviting you to stop trying to "save yourself" and instead trust Him? How could that surrender bring greater freedom?