

Advent DNA Guide – Meditating on God’s Story

Advent is a season of actively remembering and celebrating the arrival of God’s Kingdom in and through Jesus. And a big part of how we remember is through Scripture. Yet, most often, the only thing we know to do with Scripture is to analyze it, searching for some pearl of wisdom we can take and apply to our lives. This Advent season we are trying something different with our DNA times, to help us learn to “hold” and “chew” on the Story that shapes our lives.

Passages

- **Week 1:** Genesis 12:1-9 & 22:15-18
- **Week 2:** Exodus 19:1-8
- **Week 3:** 2 Samuel 7:1-17
- **Week 4:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

Guide

1. Pray and ask God help you actively remember His Story and better see your ongoing story in light of His Story.
2. Have someone read the passage out-loud.
3. Have someone—without reading and in their own words—describe what happens or is said in the passage (others can help, if needed).
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 once more with a new ‘reader’ and ‘storyteller’.
5. Take some time to talk through the following questions. Avoid any one person “teaching” everyone else. This is not just about information but everyone working together to discover, “hold” and “chew” on the Scriptures.
6. Remember to leave some time to pray for and with one another.

Questions

- How does this passage fit into the bigger Story of the Bible? Why is this passage important?
- What does this passage—and the stories around it—tell us about God and His Kingdom?
- How does this part of God’s Story—along with anything else we’ve remembered during the season of Advent—clarify or shape your story?