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| **SERIES** | ARRIVAL |
| **BIBLE** | JEREMIAH 33:14-16 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | HOPE IS HERE |
| **OVERVIEW** | We are in the Advent Season! Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which simply means arrival. That is what we are calling this series, ARRIVAL.  After a crummy year of setbacks, letdowns, and beatdowns we are coming into this season reminding ourselves of a much needed truth. It rings louder than sleighbells, more potent than the scent of a scotch pine tree, more magnificent than the Mag Mile.  It’s the ARRIVAL of Jesus. Over the next few weeks we’ll be working through the themes of Advent. Peace, Joy, Love…. Today we remind ourself of HOPE. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **HOPE STARTS WITH A PROMISE**  **JEREMIAH 33:14**  “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.  In this point of Jeremiah’s writing he is sitting in jail, Jerusalem the capital city of Israel is besieged by the Babylonians and destroyed. In other words, the present isn’t hopeful, it’s full of despair, darkness!  These words are the beginning of hope! The days are coming!  **Vs. 10b-11** … there shall be heard again the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the LORD: “‘Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!’ For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the LORD.  **HOPE LEADS TO BETTER DAYS**  **JEREMIAH 33:15**  In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  Hope leads us to believe better days are coming. These days that are coming are not the reality of the present, where injustice and violence , and death seem to reign with no contender, no they are days of justice and righteousness.  In a dark gloomy reality, Jeremiah speaks of the days up ahead, the days to long for, to anticipate for with hope. He illustrates these days by saying when they arrive they will be a day where the dead tree of David will sprout new life, a new branch will begin to spring up and bring with it life!  **HOPE LEADS TO GODS SALVATION**  **JEREMIAH 33:16**  In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: The LORD is our righteousness.’  Ultimately hope leads us to Salvation. Here the image of salvation that Jeremiah illustrates is a future day when the holy city of Jerusalem, the city that in that moment sits in desolation and destruction, that city will be repaired, that city will be transformed from desolation to restoration.  Judah will be saved, Jerusalem dwells securely… this is more than a picture of better days, it’s salvation!  How is this dwelling place transformed? Through God’s presence!  **ISAIAH 9:2**  The people who walked in darkness  have seen a great light;  those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  on them has light shone.  God’s presence brings the fulfilment of Hope! |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  Jesus coming into this world is the Hope you can cling to, Christ reveals to us a new way to live, He dies to take on your sin, and rises to invite you to live in that new life, that life of salvation.  The rescue plan of God comes through His presence coming to us, and sparing us through self-sacrifice and restoration. The Lord is our Righteousness. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple |