

Sunday Text Questions for “Longing for Christ” (Psalm 102)

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- 1) Starter Question: Have you ever celebrated Advent, and how did Advent help you prepare for Christmas?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Do vv. 1-2 seem appropriate when addressing God? What do those verses teach us?
- 4) Vv. 1-11 focus on lamenting (mourning) the brokenness of sin in us and in the world. What specific things are lamented in these verses?
- 5) The metaphors in vv. 1-11 can be hard to interpret. How should the average Christian interpret and apply such figurative language (look, for example, at v. 9)?
- 6) Vv. 12-28 focus on God’s power and desire to intervene and redeem our world. What things are stated that heal and redeem the lament presented in vv. 1-11?
- 7) What does v. 17 reveal about God’s character, and how does it give comfort to those who hurt?
- 8) How does v. 18 suggest we should have regular celebrations of lament and longing (Advent) so as to guide the next generation toward God? How can we do that in our homes and church?
- 9) Focus on vv. 25-28. How do these concluding verses give us confidence in God’s power over us and mercy toward us?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

Further study this week: Reflect and meditate on the Christmas story in Luke and Matthew: Luke 1:1-25 (Mon); Luke 1:26-56 (Tues); Luke 1:57-2:21 (Wed); Matthew 1 (Thurs); Matthew 2 (Fri).