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START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

• What is your favorite Christmas activity: sledding, baking, watching Hallmark movies, building a snowman? Why?

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- Joy to the World is a song that focuses on Jesus' return instead of his arrival as a baby.
- Read the lyrics. Which ones resonate with you? Why?
- Read Psalm 98. What words or phrases connect with you?
- Joy to the World was inspired by this psalm. What does this song teach us about God's character and God's actions?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Biblical joy finds its place in God's faithfulness, not our circumstances in a present moment.
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:10. What words or phrases connect with you?
- "Our hearts ache, but we always have joy." How does this differ than the cliché "turn that frown upside down?"
- Read Revelation 21.3-4. What words or phrases connect with you?
- How does this passage from the future give us joy for today?

START PRAYING I BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

 Lord Jesus, we are a people that hope from the future, the new heaven and new earth are coming already, in spite of the darkness that can so overwhelm us individually and as communities. May we find our joy in your, the one who lived, died and rose again for us to be in daily connection with God. May we rest in that joy, regardless of the events going on in our lives right now. It is in your resurrected Savior's name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

• For a great Advent study, check out this 28 day reading plan: https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/22462-bibleproject-advent-reflections