# LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **December 1, 2024** message, "Waiting for Christmas, A Series for Advent: Certain Refuge." Please read the sermon passage together out loud, to set the context for our study.

## Passage Outline

We celebrate the arrival of the Messiah (again) because...

- 1. ...we live in a world that rejects God's Anointed. (1-3)
  - **A.** The peoples rage and plot in vain to overthrow God's Anointed
  - B. Adam & Eve rebelled against God, and sought to throw off His authority
  - C. The kings of old took their stands and went their own way
  - D. Today, humanity still rebels, denying God and the authority of Jesus Christ
- 2. ... the Son's authority over all the nations is here. (4-9)
  - A. While the world rages against God, His authority remains universal and eternal
  - B. He is sovereign and he reigns over all people, at all times
  - C. The worship and faithfulness of Christ-followers is evidence of His victory and authority
- 3. ... the season of surrender is still open. (10-12)
  - A. We are invited to "come and see" the kingdom of God and the King of God
  - B. Be wise and be warned, O rulers, and serve the Lord
  - **C.** Take refuge in Him
  - **D.** It's not yet too late

## Encouragement for those who are waiting:

- God's Son is the location of actual safety (refuge)
- The blessing requires teamwork

### Life Group Discussion Questions

- **1.** God has shown Himself to be kind and benevolent through the ages. What are some reasons that people rebel against Him, and against the authority of Jesus?
- **2.** We are easily distracted by those who rage against God. Why is it important to remember that God is not worried by their raging? What difference does God's sovereignty make in our lives?
- **3.** Pastor Jon reminded us of the importance of "submitting to the reign of Jesus on His throne." How can we apply that principle to our relationships? Our possessions? Our time?
- **4.** We are called to rejoice as we come to the point of repentance. How is it that facing our sin (and turning from it) can bring great joy?

### **BONUS QUESTIONS:**

What are some ways that you can share the good news of Jesus with those around you?

How can your Life Group encourage you as you do?