

## Hope Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

*For the Christ follower, the season of Advent recalls that Jesus, the coming savior, is quite literally the \_\_\_\_\_ who can bring relief and reconciliation to this lost and broken world.*

**Discussion 1.** If Advent (the Christmas season) reminds us that Jesus is the only one who can rescue this broken world, what are some ways our secular culture has either lost or twisted that Christmas message? What can a Christian family do to restore and remember that message?

*For the Christ follower, waiting for Jesus' return includes a healthy dose of lamenting the ever-deepening \_\_\_\_\_ of this world. It is a brokenness Jesus will one day repair.*

**Discussion 2.** Why is it important to lament the brokenness of this world as a part of a Christ follower's Advent season? How does it help frame your hope in this season?

*Advent is all about our hope in Jesus as the reconciler of broken relationships. \_\_\_\_\_, the nurturing community for which God designed us is elusive at best and devastating and destructive at worst.*

**Discussion 3.** For you, what difference has Jesus (and the work of His Spirit) made in the health of your relationships and the quality of community? How does the Christmas season help bring that reality into focus for you?

*When we cry out, "Come, Lord Jesus", the clear implication is our promise to \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. For those who choose otherwise, His coming will not be good news at all.*

**Discussion 4.** How can you guard your heart against the hypocrisy of longing for Jesus before Christmas but then falling back to your old, secular ways after Christmas? What kinds of spiritual disciplines help you with this?