



An Invitation to Listen to God



“Bearers of Christ”

To prepare for the next Small Group meeting you are invited to engage in the following process before you meet each week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to hear God’s Word.
- Choose a scripture passage, read it and sit quietly with the Word.
- What moves you or attracts you in this reading?
- Does anything cause resistance in you? Do you know why?
- Take a few minutes to respond in writing to the readings.

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

Reading 1: Micah 5: 1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 2: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Questions

1. Reflect on your relationship to the Catholic Church. Are there areas where you feel obligation (“according to the law”) instead of joyful embracing and understanding? How will you journey to change or improve your attitude so that you give willingly, and also joyfully “come to do [His] will”?
2. How should I make this Advent season to be different from my previous ones?
3. What is a good shepherd? How do I make myself shepherd for others?
4. What does Christ mean when he promises that he will bring peace to the world?
5. How do I allow the Lord to turn me toward his love during the season?
6. What does the new life in Christ mean to me?

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