



Advent is for adoration

All humans have an in-built tendency to adore, worship or value something above all else. That could be a person, things, achievements or even one's self.

It is good to show honour and appreciation of others, but ultimately we were made to worship God; anything else is a poor substitute for the joy, freedom and satisfaction He gives.

If we put Jesus in the centre, then He holds the rest of the things in our lives in their proper place, in the same way that the planets revolve in their orbits around the sun in the solar system.

Key scripture John 1:1-5

Questions

Who have you B.L.E.S.'ed people this week?

BEGIN with prayer

LISTEN to their story

EAT together

SERVE where there is a need you can meet

SHARE your story of salvation and new life in Christ: our lives matter to other people's lives.

1. **Jesus first came at an unexpected time and way, although the expectation of many of God's people for a saviour was great because of His covenant promises. What should we do to "prepare the way" for the further increase of God's kingdom and are we ready to adjust if the arrival comes in ways unexpected?**
2. **If we want to see a radical change in our lives and the lives of others – more of God's kingdom, miracles and breakthroughs – does our value-system need to change? If so, what shape will such a change take: small, slow and incremental; big and sudden decisions; or maybe subtle, long and lasting changes?**
3. **If someone were to say that it isn't fair that God made us with a tendency to obsess and then forbids us to – what would your answer be?**