

# EMMAUS

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12.17.2017 Season: Advent Sunday gathering #663  
series: Welcome Home part 3: How Shall We Prepare?  
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**The job of the church is to live in such a way that it brings others into the Story of God.**

**Advent is the season of Holy Anticipation.**

## Preparing for the Arrival of Immanuel: Practice #1

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A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

- Isaiah 11:1

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## #1 May we practice -----

## Preparing for the Arrival of Immanuel: Practice #2

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Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.  
(for you I wait all day long)

- Psalm 25:5

## #2 May we practice

## Preparing for the Arrival of Immanuel: Practice #3

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: [BEHOLD!] The virgin  
will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

- Isaiah 7:14

## #3 May we practice

### **Respond: go deeper.**

- . Which of the 3 practices would be the most challenging for you and why?
- . What people or situations may you be overlooking this Advent season? Where is God showing up in them?
- . What aspects of your life are you clinging to that need to be released to God? What are you afraid He might do with them?