Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:1-7

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Romans 8:19-21

19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

In a culture where waiting isn't something we do well how do we grab ahold of this ancient practice and apply to our daily lives? Our focus during Advent this year will be to learn about what it weams to "wait on the Lord" and how we practice this discipline rooted in the character of our Lord:

- 1. What does it mean to wait on the Lord?
- 2. Why would waiting be a thing God would want His people to participate in?
- 3. How is waiting an active thing versus a passive thing?
- 4. Waiting seems to be a theme in the Scriptures. Name all of the times when you can remember God's people waiting.

- 5. Do you think patience is considered a virtue in today's world? Why or why not?
- 6. What are some times when you have waited on God and how was His timing better than yours?
- 7. While we await Jesus' second coming, how are we to wait for Him? What should we be doing?
- 8. Pray about a thing you are waiting on right now.