



# The Appearing...

THE COMING OF THE VERY SON OF GOD

## **Dec 5: The Story of the Mountain**

Icebreaker:

What is your favorite advent tradition?

Message Bible Text:

Exodus 19, Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5:1, Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the hardest commandment for you to follow? Why?
2. As the Jews added laws to God's commandments, what rules have we added?
3. Do you feel God gave us these commandments for our good? Or do you feel they are just restricting us?

Supplemental Bible Texts:

Galatians 3:23-29, Galatians 4:1-7, Romans 3:20, Romans 6:1-16

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the law bring us to a knowledge of our need for a Savior?
2. If I am justified by faith, are the 10 commandments still valid today?
3. What does it mean to you to be known as an heir of Christ?

## Take-Home Thoughts:

- The law is designed to draw us to Christ.
- As a child and heir, we have a reserved seat for us at the Lord's table.

## Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Help us to always keep Christ as the center of our Christmas.
- Help us to find ways to support those who are lamenting this Christmas.
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## Memory Verse:

**Galatians 4:6-7** - Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

## Prayer:

*Lord, we embrace this Advent season. We long for your coming, Jesus. We declare you Lord and Messiah. We recognize that you are both the One who gave the Law and the One who fulfills the Law. Draw us ever closer to you. Amen.*