



Highly Favored

Favor Received

Wk 2 • December 5

Introduction

In week two of our Advent series *Highly Favored*, Pastor John teaches nothing brings Jesus more joy than when we receive His favor. The Christmas story set into motion a new relationship between God and His people. Because of the life of Jesus, we have the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and favor.

Discussion

1. It's Christ's longing and joy for people to receive His favor. What's your natural response to this statement?
2. Read **Luke 1:39-45**. Pastor John posed the question, "What would this Christmas be like for you if you simply believed and lived on this side of the Christmas truth?" Discuss how Christmas is different once someone steps over the Faith Line. How does this apply to you?
3. Jesus is on His throne in His Kingdom. As Pastor John described, He is not wandering around the heavens haphazardly. What comfort can we find in this?
4. Read **Hebrews 7:23-8:7**. Discuss what it means for Jesus to be our Great High Priest.

Take Action

1. Pastor John encouraged us to dwell on **Hebrews 4:16** from now until the New Year. If you haven't already, set a daily reminder on your phone for 4:16PM, and let's use this time to pray for our church, families and community.
2. Read **Luke 1 & 2** this week and reflect on the Christmas story.
3. People are generally more open to church and having discussions about God during the Advent season. Pray about who you'll invite to a Christmas Eve service.

Resources

1. *Advent*, a four-session series by J.D. Greear on [RightNow Media](#)
2. *9 Months* sermon series on the PLC website
3. Listen to the album *Seeds of Christmas* on [RightNow Media](#).