

Hope

Sunday December 2, 2012

Psalms 72

Advent

Longing
Longing – After a Taste

Matt 6:10; Rev 22:20

Longing – In the Bible

A King; A Kingdom

The **End** – All of Creation Under True King

The **Centre** – Jesus is that Right King

The **Start** – David and the Good King

A Prayer for the King

Attributed to Solomon; Shaped by memory of David

A **Prayer** for an actual human king

A **Picture** of what a good king does

A **Seed** for a Dream in Israel – the Coming King

Longing for ...

Good Leaders 1-2

Character; Leadership

Justice 1-2, 4, 12-14

Rescue Afflicted, Needy, Oppressed

Prosperity 3, 7, 16

Enough for Everyone

Kingdom 8-11, 15, 17

Everywhere, Everyone, For all Time

Pushing beyond 5, 17

A Typical Human King

Longing ...

Luke 1:30-33; Revelation 11:15

Christmas Readings

The Christmas season can be such a hectic time! I want to encourage you to carve out a little time for reading and reflection over the month of December. For each week in December I have included a reading from 4 different parts of the Bible. I will use these passages in the Sunday sermons as well.

There are many ways you could use this list.

- Read all 4 passages in one sitting
- Read one passage a day for 4 days in the week
- Read one of the passages together as a family
- Read one or more of the passages with a small group

I do believe these times of reading and reflection can help us gain a little peace and perspective in this season.

Week 1	Psalm	Psalm 72
Dec 2-8	Prophet	Micah 4:1-5
	Gospel	Matthew 1:18-2:12
	Epistle	Colossians 1:15-23

Week 2	Psalm	Psalm 24
Dec 9-15	Prophet	Isaiah 9:1-7
	Gospel	Luke 1:26-56
	Epistle	Philippians 2:1-11

Week 3	Psalm	Psalm 25
Dec 16-22	Prophet	Isaiah 11:1-10
	Gospel	Luke 2:1-20
	Epistle	Hebrews 1

Week 4	Psalm	Psalm 28
Dec 23-29	Prophet	Isaiah 35
	Gospel	John 1:1-14
	Epistle	Hebrews 2