

Advent Sermons

A Way in the Desert

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SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

Welcome

1) If you could choose the perfection vacation spot would it be: In the mountains? On the beach? In a city? In the woods? Some other place? Why?

Word

Read Mark 1:1-3

- 1) How does John the Baptist help us during the Advent season?
- 2) How does the plight of modern African Americans help us understand the plight of Israel?
- 3) Why was Israel longing for the Messiah to come? (See Lamentations 1:2, 9, 17, 21)

Read Isaiah 40:1-9

- 1) What lines in these verses reminds you of the gospel?
- 2) What is the good news Zion proclaims?
- 3) From where does God come? (See Isaiah 40:3)
- 4) What does it mean for a person to be in a "spiritual desert"? Have you ever experienced a desert in your journey of faith?
- 5) What hope is there for people in a spiritual desert?

Work

- 1) If you are in a spiritual desert, what steps can you take to carry on with a renewed hope?
- 2) If you know someone in a spiritual desert, what can you do to encourage him or her?

Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 41 / Mon: 42 / Tue: 43 / Wed: 44 / Thu: 45 / Fri: 46 / Sat: 47
- 2) Pray for each other