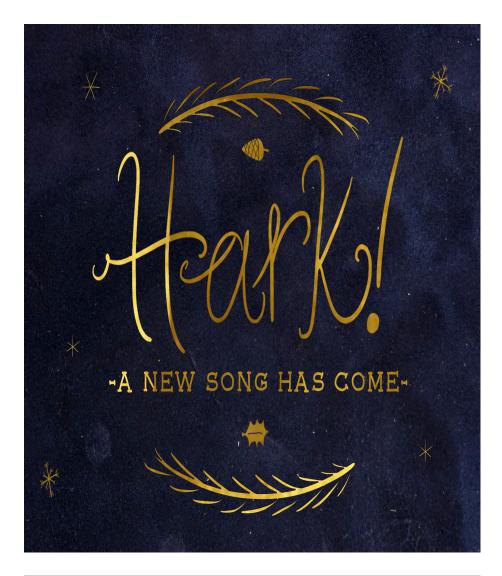
# > Jesus helps us become <u>Triumphant</u>

**Isaiah 9:6-7 6** For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

## Life Group /Reflection Questions

- Do you have a favorite Christmas Carol? What thoughts or emotions do you have when you sing your favorite Christmas Carols?
- Take a moment to read the words of "O Come All Ye Faithful." What words or phrases stand out to you? What verses have significant meaning to you personally?
- > Do you find yourself joyful or depleted of joy this holiday season?
- The idea of Joy is tossed around during the Christmas season. But if we are honest we don't always feel joyful. What do you find robbing you of joy lately? What steps do you need to take to regain your joy through Christ?
- Share a time when you experienced a lack of faith? How to Christ help restore your faith?
- What can you do this week to make your Christmas preparations more about Jesus?



Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 **"O Come All Ye Faithful"** Wave Church SD

## *"O Come All Ye Faithful"* Hark! Week #1

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him born the King of angels; O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation Sing all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore him, Christ The Lord

**Luke 2:9-14** <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

## WHO DOES JESUS CALL?

#### > Jesus calls the <u>weary</u> & <u>burdened</u>

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

#### Jesus calls <u>sinners</u>

**Romans 9:12-13** *"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick...For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."* 

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* 

#### WHAT DOES JESUS HELP US BECOME?

### > Jesus helps us become <u>faithful</u>

Hebrews 12:2 ... let us look to Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith...

**Hebrews 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*Luke 2:20* And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Isaiah 43:2-3** <sup>2</sup> When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...

## > Jesus helps us become <u>Joyful</u>

**John 15: 9-11** <sup>9</sup> "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

**Galatians 5:22-23** <sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

#### Happiness depends on happenstance,

but Joy depends on Jesus