



## December Sermon Series

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

## WEEK 2 | Mark 1:1-8 | *Prepare*

We live in a world that promises comfort, joy, and connection during Christmas, yet it often brings feelings of anxiety, distraction, and disconnection. Beneath the festive lights and traditions, many silently wonder if there's more to Christmas than what's typically shown. They search for lasting hope that goes beyond just the seasonal happiness.

Hope for the Holidays encourages us to prepare for Christmas by slowing down, paying attention, and reconnecting with what truly matters. It invites us to find hope and a sense of home—not through perfection or achievement, but through a God who meets us right where we are.

### BIG IDEA

**Grace meets us on the road.**



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Have you recently felt stuck, like being in construction traffic where nothing moves? How did that moment affect you or your family? Can you see where God might have been working even if it wasn't obvious?
3. Which part of your life or your family's life feels like a broken road right now? How might trusting God appear in that area this week?
4. John the Baptist encouraged people to remove the clutter and create space for Jesus. What is one thing you or your family can set aside this week to make room for God and each other? Where can you find hope right now amid the chaos?
5. How can we pray for you?

### YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose a moment to pause, either alone or with family, and say this prayer: Lord, help me see Your hope while the road is still being built.