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Dear Leonard ,

I appreciate how Advent (the weeks preceding Christmas) connects and prepares us for something much larger and grander than ourselves. We live in a world that seeks to shrink us and reduce us to consumers. The anticipation of Christ's coming at Christmas gives us something and Someone to yearn for beyond malls, gifts and shopping. Through Advent we renounce the tyranny of the urgent and instead gain a connection through the centuries, since Advent connects us to the practices of faithful Christians dating back more than 1500 years. And through Advent we remember that the world does not revolve around us but that the world revolves around a grand plan of redemption that begins with a baby born in Bethlehem. In short, Advent is wonderfully countercultural.



Join us this Advent as we look at the various names of Jesus in a series called "The Name Above All Names." We'll look at "Messiah" this Sunday, "Jesus" on Dec. 11, "Son of God" on Dec. 18, and "Savior" on Christmas Eve.

In Christ,
Pastor Len

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