

# Weekly Action Plan

The 4 weeks leading up to Christmas are sometimes referred to as the season of Advent. In the dictionary, the word Advent is defined as: “*the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event*”. This is a bit of an understatement, considering that Jesus was not a ‘notable’ person but God! But I think having a season of the year that we set aside for commemorating His ‘arrival’ is a great thing!

I shared at the outset of my message on Sunday that this is the first year that I can remember being part of a church that didn’t do a series that involved the story and characters that surround Jesus’ birth narrative (*I confess that a few months ago it seemed like a great idea, now I find myself missing those stories!*). Our series is taken out of the book of Colossians chapter 1. It is a magnificent picture of Jesus, who He is, what He has done for us, and the reminder to us of the hope we have in Him! I’d encourage you to read it this week and take some time to ***reflect on the gift He has been to you*** and why He is worthy to place your complete confidence in. As you read it may it raise your heart and head to enjoy celebrating this season of Advent!

“The ***Good News*** is that God the Father sent Jesus into the world to establish His Kingdom and reconcile people to Himself. Jesus sacrificially died for us so that, by His death and resurrection, we might gain what the Bible defines as new and eternal life.”

—Ed Stetzer

## **Overheard:**

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.”

—C.S. Lewis “*The Last Battle*”

