

PCOM SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Series: Coming Soon: The Advent of Jesus

Scriptures: Isaiah 34:1-2, 8-13; 35:1-10

Notes:

- The Bible uses recurring settings that act as thematic _____ for new events.
- The _____ (or wilderness) is connected to themes of judgment, temptation, loss, and powerlessness.
- Because of sin, desert conditions are on the _____.
- There's only one way out of the desert's advance: _____
_____.

Discussion Questions on Back

Questions for discussion:

1. What are some important seasons and settings in your life?
When and where have you experienced a garden season of fruitfulness, a home-y season of stability and rootedness, or a desert season of loss, powerlessness, or judgment?
2. Where do you see the advance of desert conditions in our world--socially, politically, emotionally, or spiritually?
3. What are you hungry or thirsty for in this season? Growth? Healing? Freedom from fear? Peace? Joy? How can you bring those needs to God in this Advent season?

Next Week's Scripture: Psalm 32:1-7, Pastor Courtney