

3 STEPS

TO A MORE MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON



What is your
favorite holiday?

What is your favorite holiday?

What holidays are in your top five?

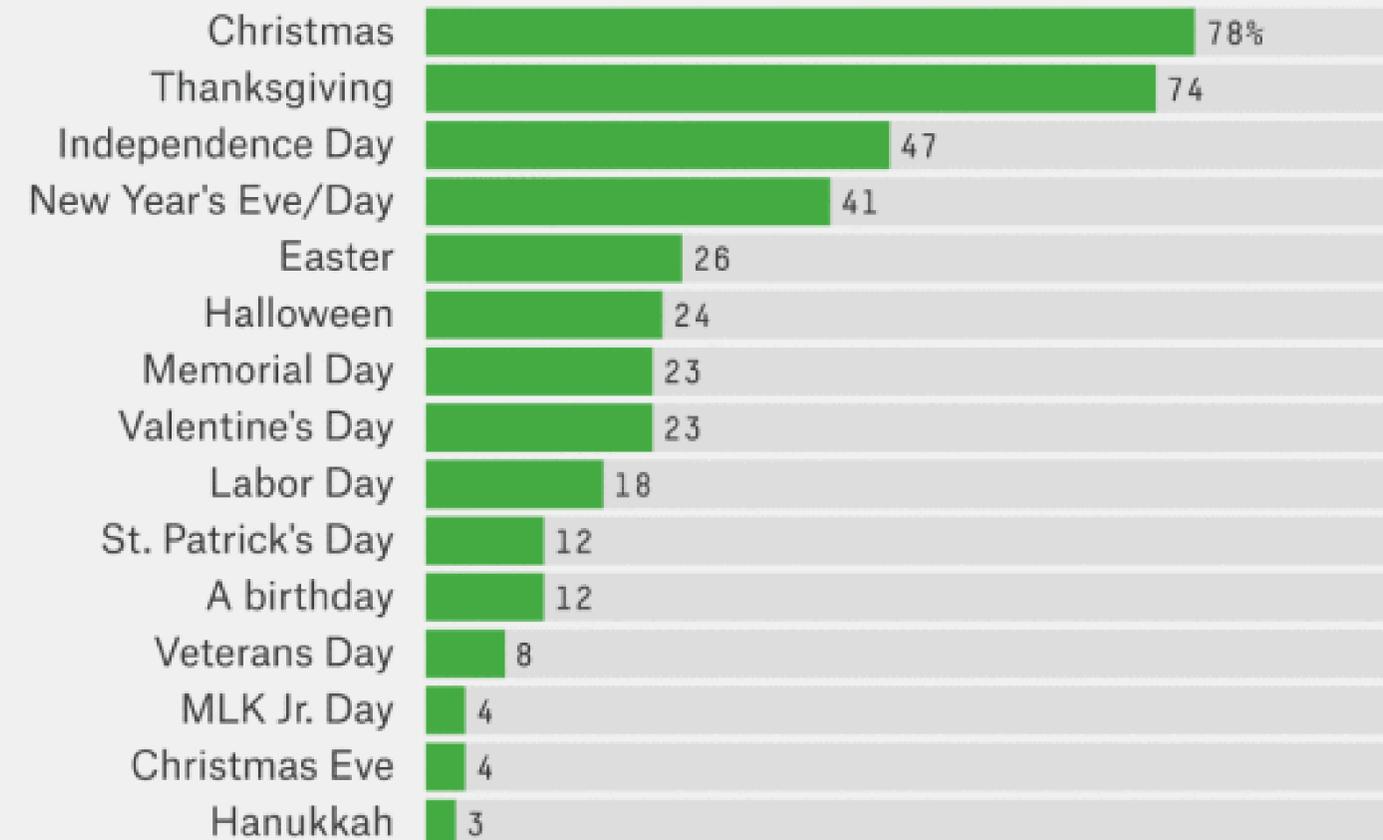
Percentage of ballots listing the day as a favorite

SURVEY DATES

Dec. 8-10, 2015

NO. OF RESPONDENTS

1,095





MATT RHODES



Be present to
this time and space.

Be present to this time and space.

Be present to this time and space.

- **Minimize any distractions.**
- **Turn off notifications.**
- **Close other browser tabs.**
- **Turn off your phone and email.**
- **Close any other programs that your computer is running.**

YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

You want to reduce your stress this holiday season so you can live with more peace, joy, and intentionality.

YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

**You want to bring the biblical
Christmas story to life
in a fresh new way.**

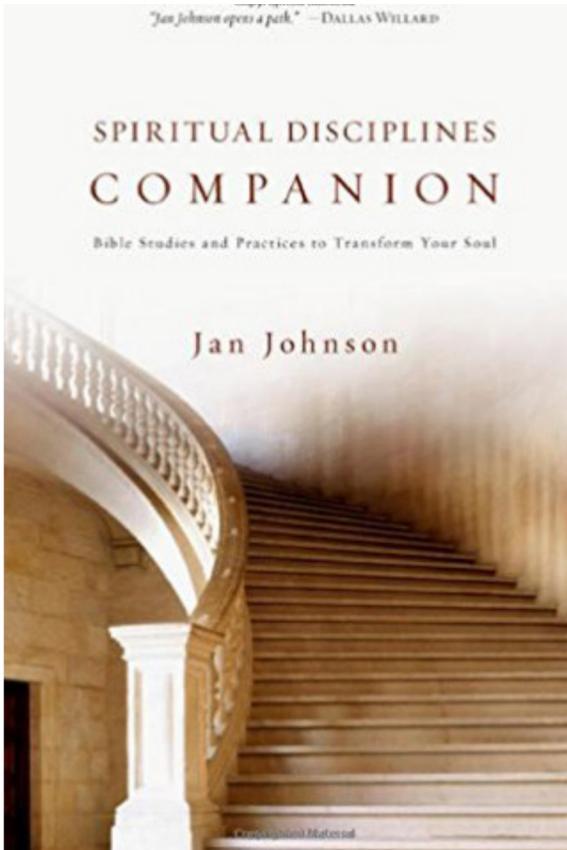
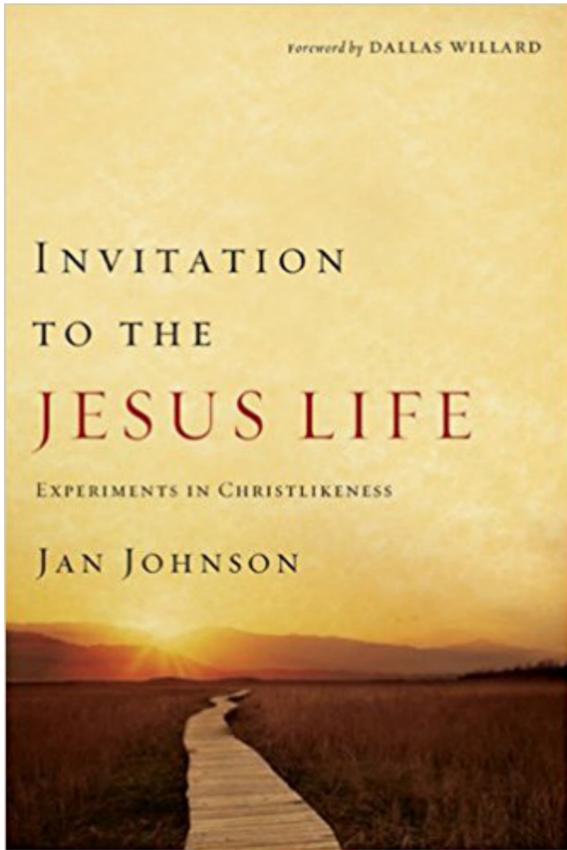
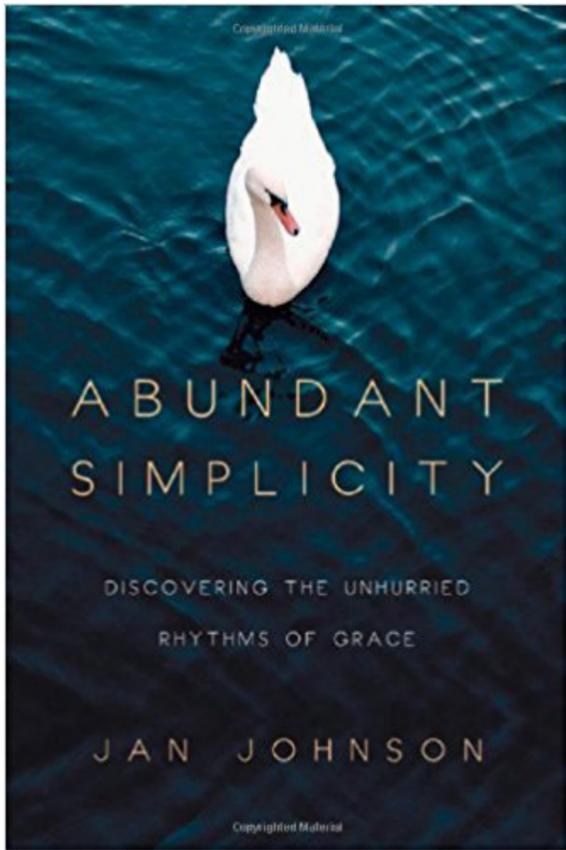
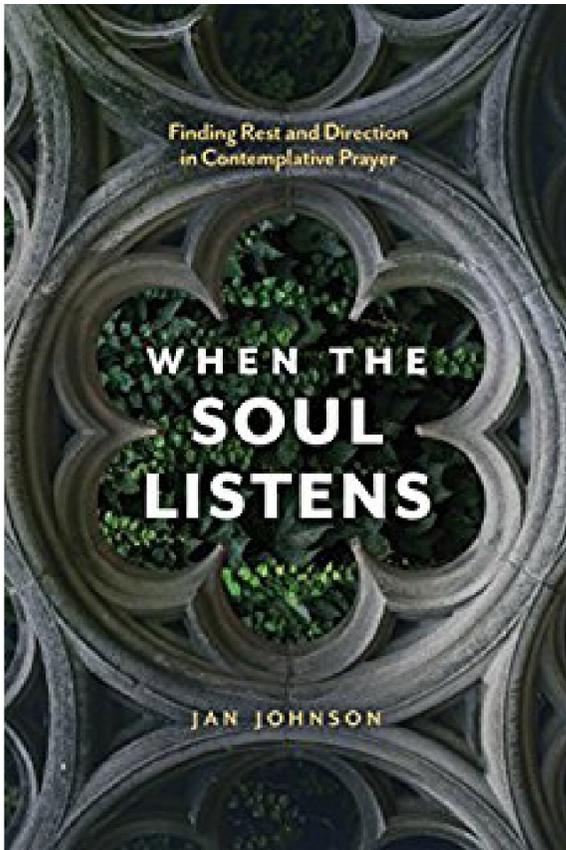
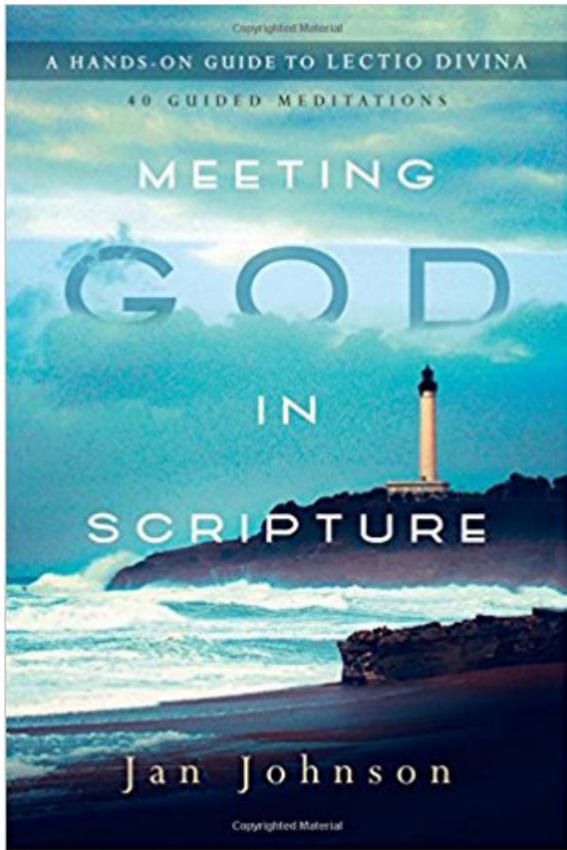
YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

**You want to connect with God
more deeply as you prepare
your heart for Jesus' coming.**

JAN JOHNSON



Spiritual Director, Speaker and Author





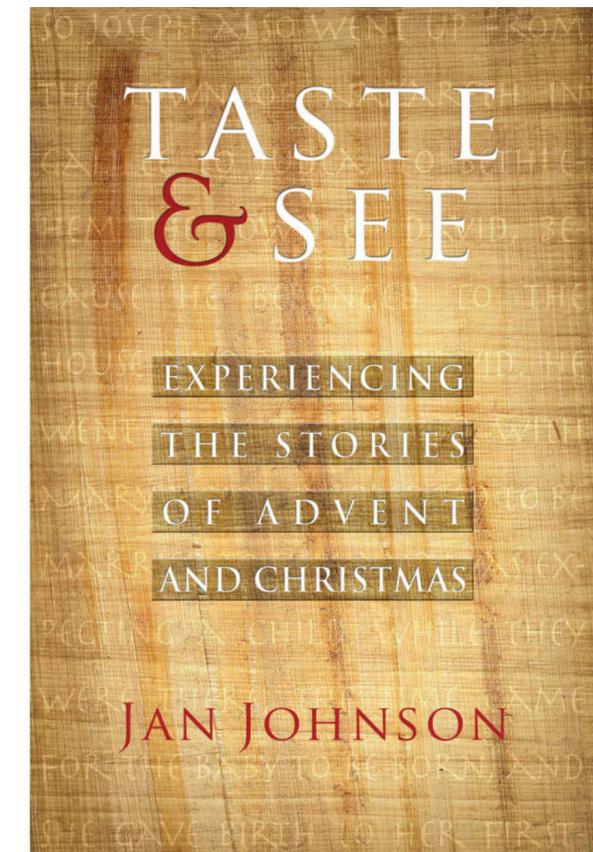
JAN JOHNSON



JAN JOHNSON



Author of
Taste & See:
Experience the Stories
of Advent and Christmas





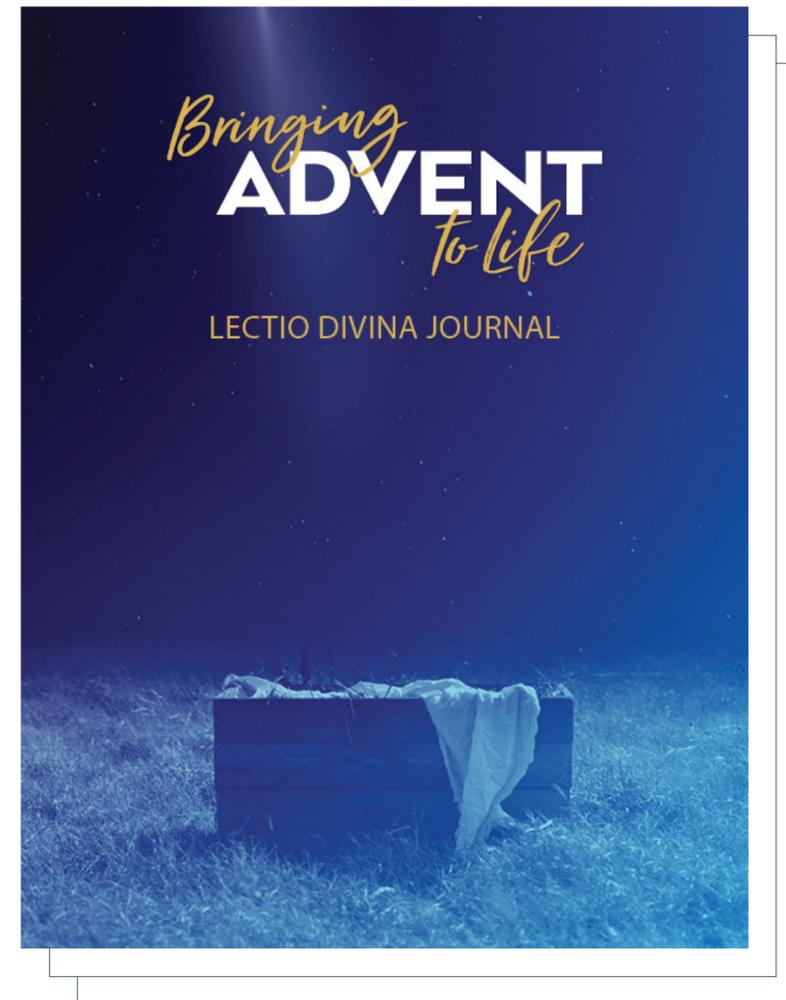
Bringing
ADVENT
to life

A FOUR-WEEK ONLINE RETREAT



WORKSHOP BONUS

Printable
Journal
Sample



BringingAdventToLife.com/journal

WORKSHOP BONUS



Stay to the End

3 STEPS

STEP 1: CONSIDER

Consider how you could experience

God in this Advent season.

3 STEPS

STEP 1: CONSIDER

How might I experience God
in this Advent season?

Is it really possible?

3 STEPS

STEP 1: CONSIDER

How does Jesus want you to experience
himself in this Advent season?

What does Jesus have in mind for you?

3 STEPS

STEP 1: CONSIDER

What is God saying through
the Advent events that
I need to know today?

3 STEPS

STEP 2: CREATE

Create a sacred space
in this Advent season.

3 STEPS

STEP 2: CREATE

Pay attention to your longings
and set aside regular time
to tend to them with God.

3 STEPS

STEP 2: CREATE

When and where might you
meet regularly with God
during this Advent season?

3 STEPS

STEP 2: CREATE

Schedule a regular time
on your calendar.

3 STEPS

STEP 3: ENCOUNTER

Encounter Jesus in a new way
in this Advent season.

How is Scripture Meditation Different from Bible Study?

STUDY METHOD

- dissect the text
- ask questions about the text
- read and compare facts
- discover new ways of applying facts

MEDITATION METHOD

- savor the text and enter into it
- let the text ask questions of you
- read to let God speak to you

Four Phases of Lectio

Four Phases of Lectio

Lectio/Read

Four Phases of Lectio

Lectio/Read

Meditatio/Reflect

Four Phases of Lectio

Lectio/Read

Meditatio/Reflect

Oratio/Pray (Respond)

Four Phases of Lectio

Lectio/Read

Meditatio/Reflect

Oratio/Pray (Respond)

Contemplatio/Rest

Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

**EXPERIENCING THE AWE
OF THE SHEPHERDS**

Luke 2:8-20



⁸There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep.

⁹Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified.

¹⁰The angel said, "Don't be afraid.

I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide:

¹¹A Savior has just been born in David's town,
a Savior who is Messiah and Master.

¹²This is what you're to look for:
a baby wrapped in a blanket
and lying in a manger.”

¹³At once the angel was joined by a huge
angelic choir singing God's praises:

¹⁴Glory to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women
on earth who please him.

¹⁵As the angel choir withdrew into heaven,
the shepherders talked it over.

“Let’s get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and
see for ourselves what God has revealed to us.”

¹⁶They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in the manger.

¹⁷Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child.

¹⁸All who heard the shepherders were impressed.

¹⁹Mary kept all these things to herself,
holding them dear, deep within herself.

²⁰The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying
and praising God for everything they had heard and
seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!



INVITATION

JOIN US FOR

Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

A FOUR-WEEK ONLINE RETREAT



Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

ENROLL NOW

BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll



Bringing **ADVENT** to life

Bringing **ADVENT** to life

Week #1

**EXPERIENCING
ZECHARIAH'S VISION**

Luke 1:5-24



Bringing **ADVENT** to life

Week #2

**EXPERIENCING MARY'S
VISIT WITH ELIZABETH**

Luke 1:39-45, 56



Bringing **ADVENT** to life

Week #3

**EXPERIENCING JOSEPH'S
CHALLENGING DECISION**

Matthew 1:18-25



Bringing **ADVENT** to life

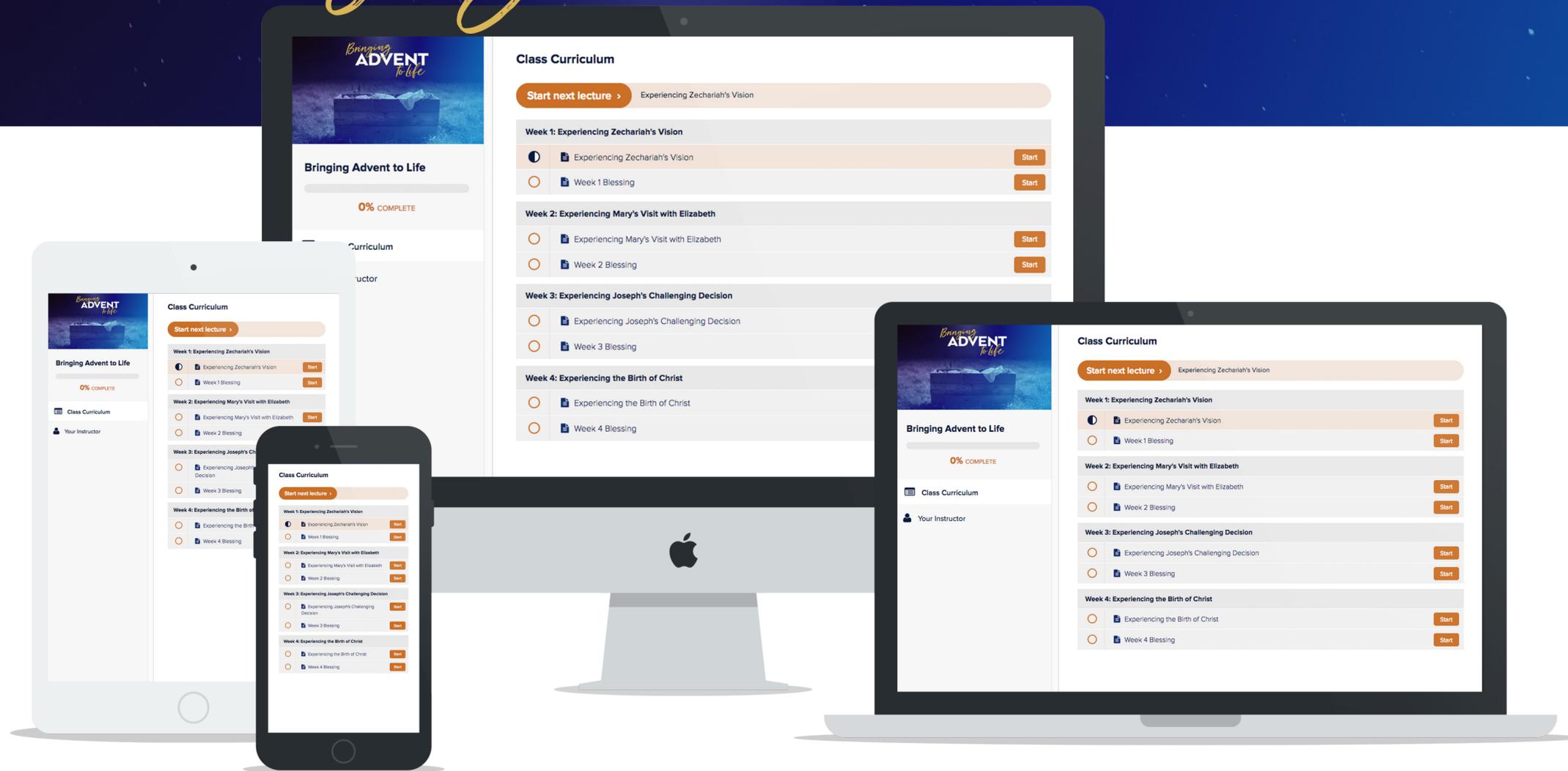
Week #4

**EXPERIENCING
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**

Luke 2:1-7



Bringing ADVENT to life



Bringing ADVENT to life

Week #1

EXPERIENCING ZECHARIAH'S VISION

Luke 1:5-24

Bringing ADVENT to life

Week #2

EXPERIENCING MARY'S VISIT WITH ELIZABETH

Luke 1:39-45, 56

Bringing ADVENT to life

Week #3

EXPERIENCING JOSEPH'S CHALLENGING DECISION

Matthew 1:18-25

Bringing ADVENT to life

Week #4

EXPERIENCING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

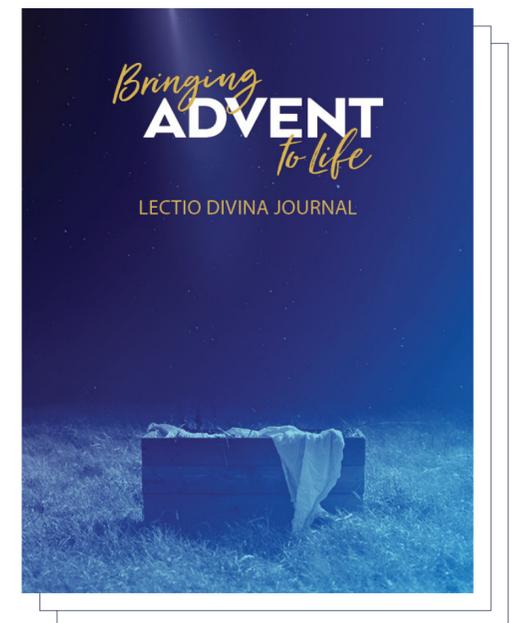
Luke 2:1-7

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

**“Scripture has become more personal, real,
as if I’m walking closely with Jesus
instead of only reading words.”**

INDIVIDUALS / FAMILIES \$47

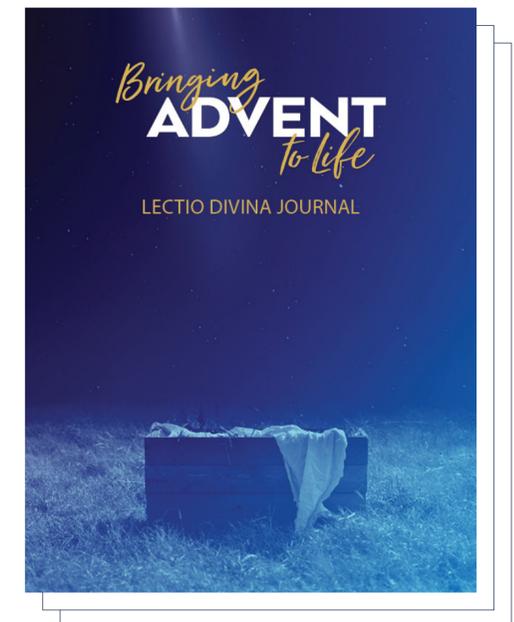
- Weekly meditation exercise (Monday)
- Weekly blessing (Friday)
- Private Facebook Group
- **BONUS #1: Printable Retreat Journal**
- **BONUS #2: Printable Resource Pages**



BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll

SMALL GROUPS \$67

- Permission to use all retreat materials in a small group setting
- **BONUS #1: Training Video**
“Doing Lectio in a Group”
- **BONUS #2: Printable Leader’s Tip Sheet**



BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll

RETREAT OVERVIEW

- Week 1: Monday, Nov 26 Zechariah
- Week 2: Monday, Dec 3 Mary & Elizabeth
- Week 3: Monday, Dec 10 Joseph
- Week 4: Monday, Dec 17 Birth of Christ

BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

**“Your course has given me a lot of freedom
in my relationship with Jesus.
Your approach to meditation
has helped me to just focus on being
with Jesus and listening to him.”**

Bringing Advent to Life 2018

A Four-Week Online Retreat

[Enroll in the Retreat](#)



In this four-week online retreat, experienced Bible teacher Jan Johnson guides you through a guided Scripture meditation to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. She provides you with a weekly Scripture passage for a *lectio divina* meditation. At the end of each week, you will also receive a blessing.

Order Summary



Individual / Family Retreat — Bringing
Advent to Life

\$47

[Add Coupon](#)

TOTAL

USD

\$47

Account Information



🛒 \$97.00 USD ▾

Pay with PayPal

English ▾

matt@foxfirecreative.com

Password

From now on, log me in with One Touch™ [?](#)

Less typing. More speed. PayPal Security.

Log In

[Having trouble logging in?](#)

or

Pay with Debit or Credit Card



New. Faster. Easier.

Welcome to the new PayPal checkout!
The security you rely on – now even faster.
It's everything checkout should be.

Thanks for enrolling in the **Bringing Advent to Life Retreat!**

Your order ID: **[ORDER_ID]**

You will shortly receive an email confirmation at **matt@mattrhodes.net**.

[Continue to the Retreat >](#)

Add the Small Group Leader's Bonus Materials to your course

This bonus training is designed for those who want to lead a small group through the *Bringing Advent to Life* online retreat. This bonus training includes a group leaders resource guide and a video on how to lead *lectio divina* in a small group.

[Yes, I want the additional Small Group Leaders Bonus](#)

\$20



Bringing
ADVENT
To Life

Bringing Advent to Life

0% COMPLETE

Class Curriculum

Your Instructor

Class Curriculum

Start next lecture > Welcome Video (2:37)

Welcome

- Welcome Video (2:37) Start
- Welcome: Retreat Details Start
- Retreat Journal Start

Pre-Retreat

- Experiencing the Awe of the Shepherds (56:32) Start

Week 1: Experiencing Zechariah's Vision

- Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Study (18:49) Start
- Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Meditation (13:43) Start
- Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Slides Start
- Week 1 Blessing Start

Week 2: Experiencing Mary's Visit with Elizabeth

- Experiencing Mary's Visit with Elizabeth Start
- Week 2 Blessing Start

Week 3: Experiencing Joseph's Challenging Decision

- Experiencing Joseph's Challenging Decision Start
- Week 3 Blessing Start

Shepherds (55:32)
0% COMPLETE

Week 1: Experiencing Zechariah's Vision

- ▶ Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Study (18:49)**
- ▶ Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Meditation (13:43)**
- 📄 Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Slides**
- 📄 Week 1 Blessing**

Week 2: Experiencing Mary's Visit with Elizabeth

- 📄 Experiencing Mary's Visit with Elizabeth**
- 📄 Week 2 Blessing**

Week 3: Experiencing Joseph's Challenging Decision

- 📄 Experiencing Joseph's Challenging Decision**
- 📄 Week 3 Blessing**

Week 4: Experiencing the Birth of Christ

- 📄 Experiencing the Birth of Christ**
- 📄 Week 4 Blessing**

▶ Experiencing Zechariah's Vision – Study



[Download](#)

Play

▶ Bringing Advent to Life Video 1.mp3

[Download](#)

Discussion

Post a comment

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

“I love Jan’s teaching and am SO thankful to have discovered this course—it was definitely a movement of God in my life.”

Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

**Week 1 meditations
available immediately**



INDIVIDUALS / FAMILIES \$47

- Weekly meditation exercise (Monday)
- Weekly blessing (Friday)
- Private Facebook Group
- **BONUS #1:** Printable Retreat Journal
- **BONUS #2:** Printable Resource Pages

BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll

SMALL GROUPS \$67

- Permission to use all retreat materials in a small group setting
- **BONUS #1:** Training Video
“Doing Lectio in a Group”
- **BONUS #2:** Printable Leader’s Tip Sheet

BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll

Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

Q & A



Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

ENROLL NOW

BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll



DOWNLOAD THE SLIDES



www.BringingAdventToLife.com/slides

Bringing **ADVENT** *to life*

ENROLL NOW

BringingAdventToLife.com/enroll

