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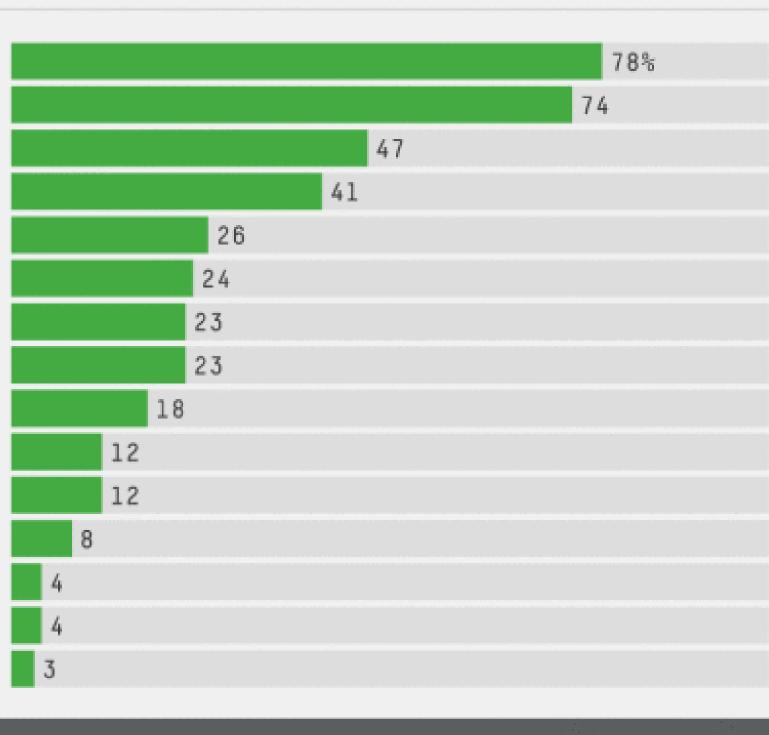
What holidays are in your top five?

Percentage of ballots listing the day as a favorite

 SURVEY DATES
 NO. OF

 Dec. 8-10, 2015
 1,095

Christmas Thanksgiving Independence Day New Year's Eve/Day Easter Halloween Memorial Day Valentine's Day Labor Day St. Patrick's Day St. Patrick's Day St. Patrick's Day A birthday Veterans Day Veterans Day MLK Jr. Day A Lanukkah



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NO. OF RESPONDENTS

SOURCE: SURVEYMONKEY AUDIENCE







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IN SCRIPTURE





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





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





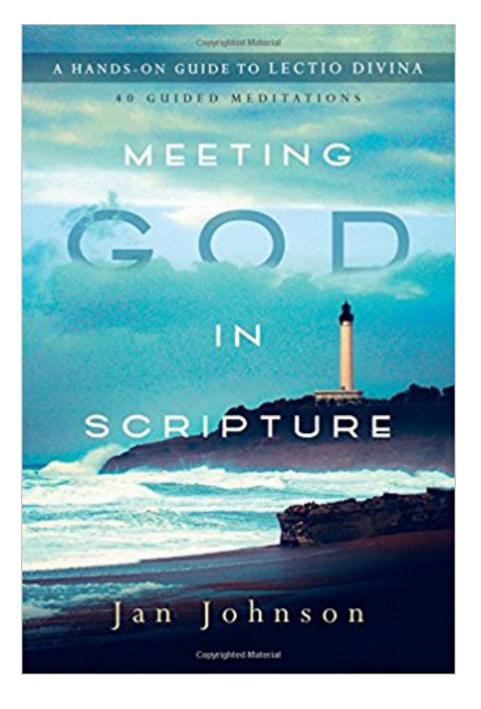
You want to connect with God more deeply as you prepare your heart for Jesus' coming.











Finding Rest and Direction in Contemplative Prayer

WHEN THE SOUL LISTENS

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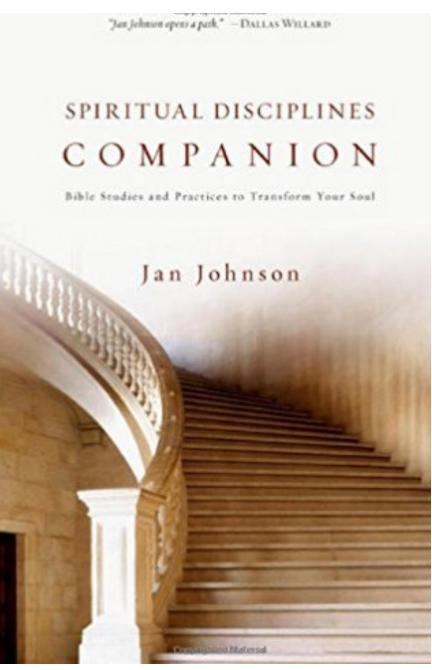
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How is Scripture Meditation Different from Bible Study?

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





Lectio/Read



Lectio/Read Meditatio/Reflect



Lectio/Read Meditatio/Reflect Oratio/Pray (Respond)



Lectio/Read Meditatio/Reflect Oratio/Pray (Respond) **Contemplatio**/**Rest**



EXPERIENCING THE AWE OF THE SHEPHERDS *[wke 2:8-20*]

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⁸There were sheepherders 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:



"A 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 sheepherders 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 sheepherders were impressed.



¹⁹Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. ²⁰The sheepherders 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!



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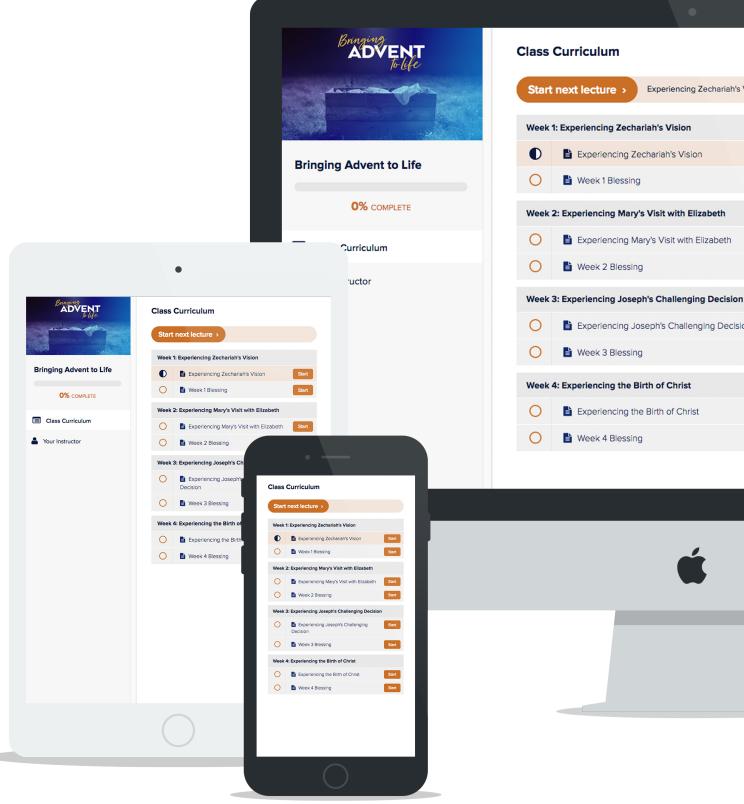




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Week #/ EXPERIENCING ZECHARIAH'S VISION (uke 1:5-24)

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Week#3

EXPERIENCING JOSEPH'S CHALLENGING DECISION Matthew 1:18-25

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Week #2

EXPERIENCING MARY'S VISIT WITH ELIZABETH (uke 1:39-45,56



Week #4

EXPERIENCING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST (uke 2:1-7





"Scripture has become more personal, real, as if I'm walking closely with Jesus instead of only reading words."

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



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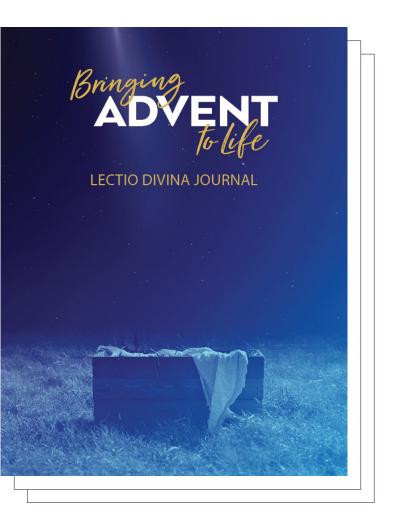




SMALL GROUPS 567

 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







• Week 1: Monday, Nov 27 Zechariah • Week 2: Monday, Dec 4 • Week 3: Monday, Dec 11 Week 4: Monday, Dec 18

RETREATOVERVIEW

Mary & Elizabeth Joseph Birth of Christ





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."



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Bringing Advent to Life A Four-Week Online Retreat

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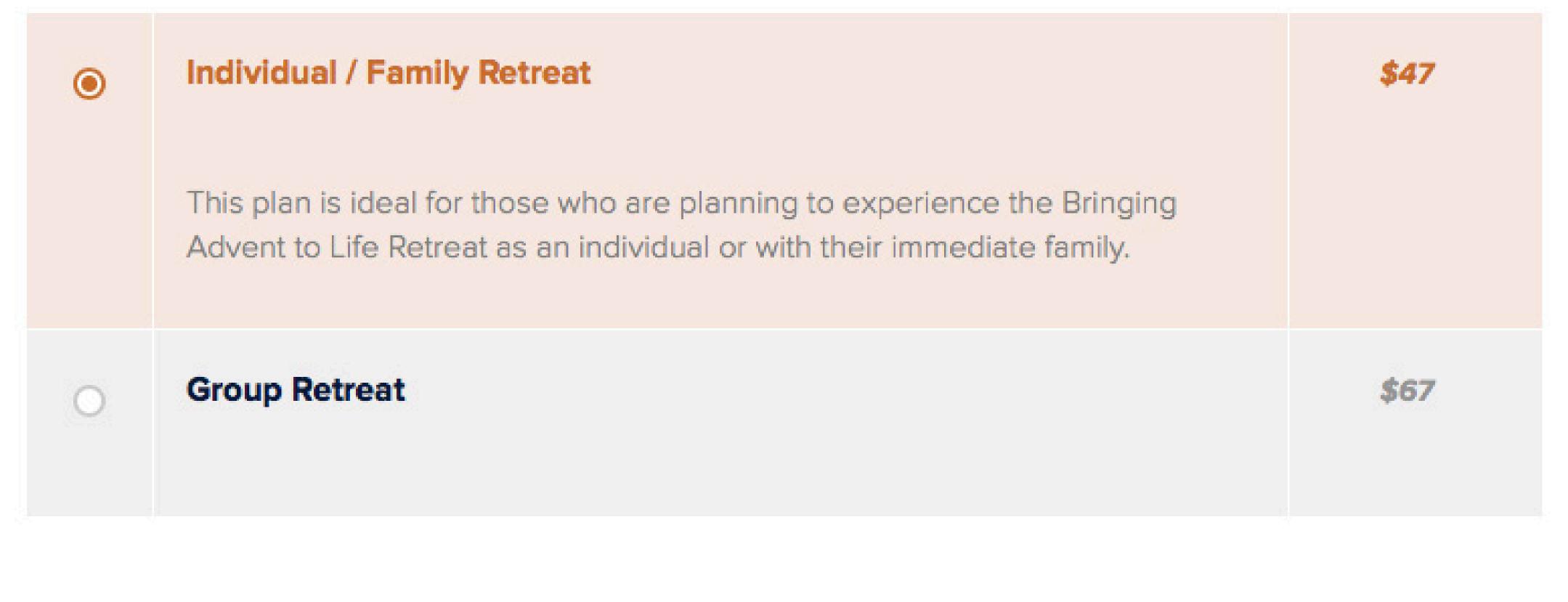
In this four-week online retreat, experienced Bible teacher guides you through a guided Scripture meditation to prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. She provides you with a weekly Scripture passage for a *lectio divina* meditation. At the end of each week, you will also receive a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

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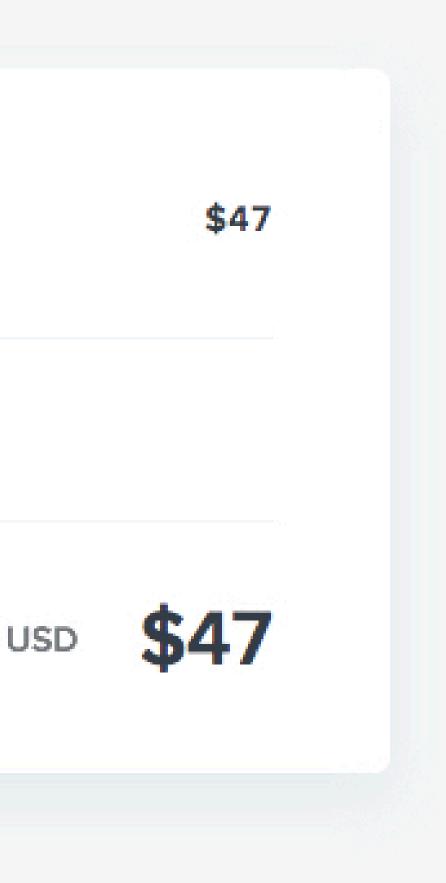


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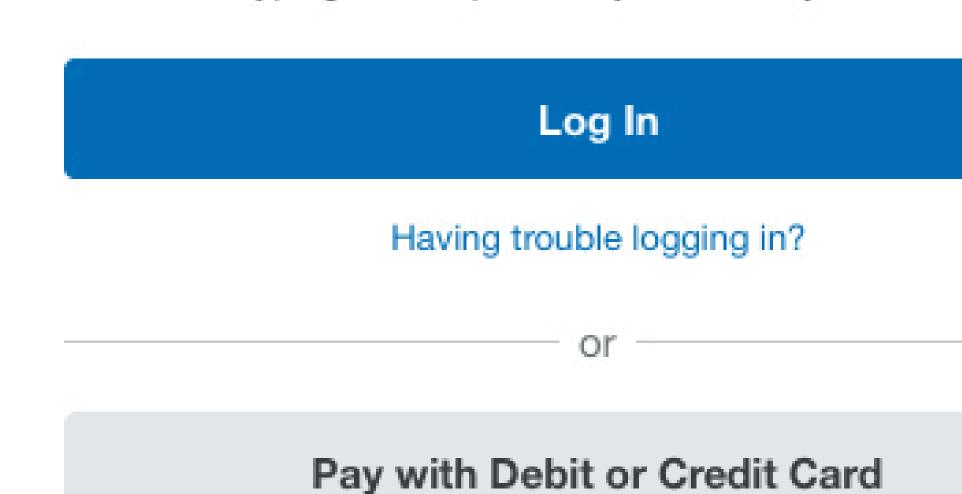
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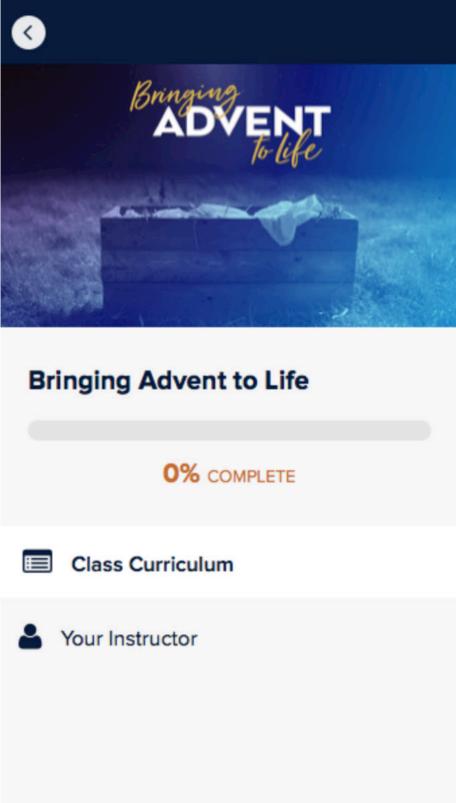
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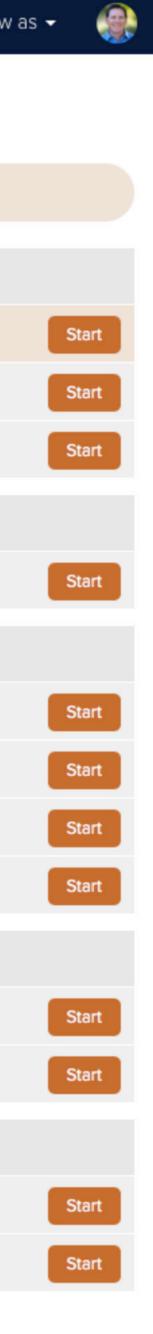
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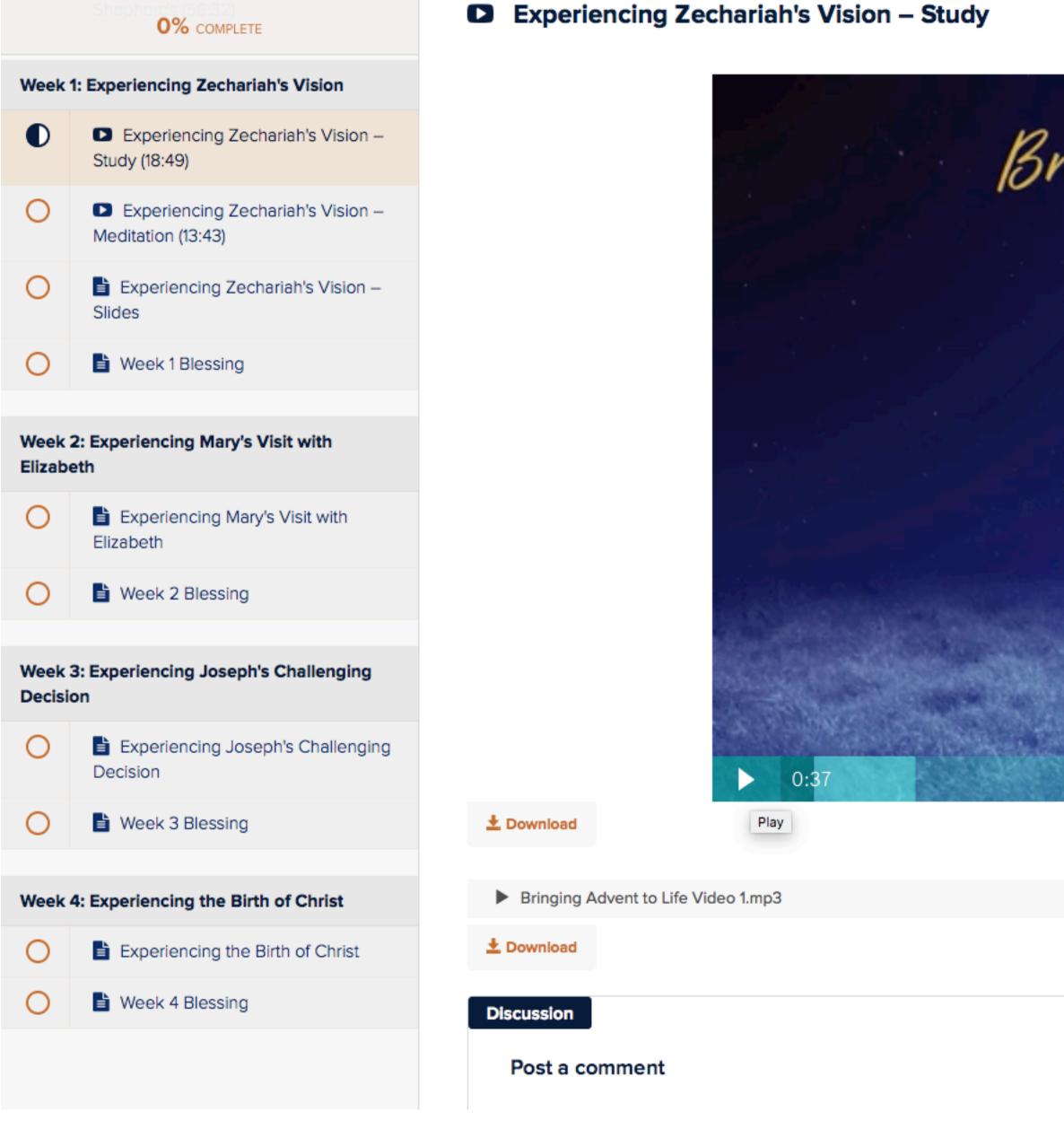


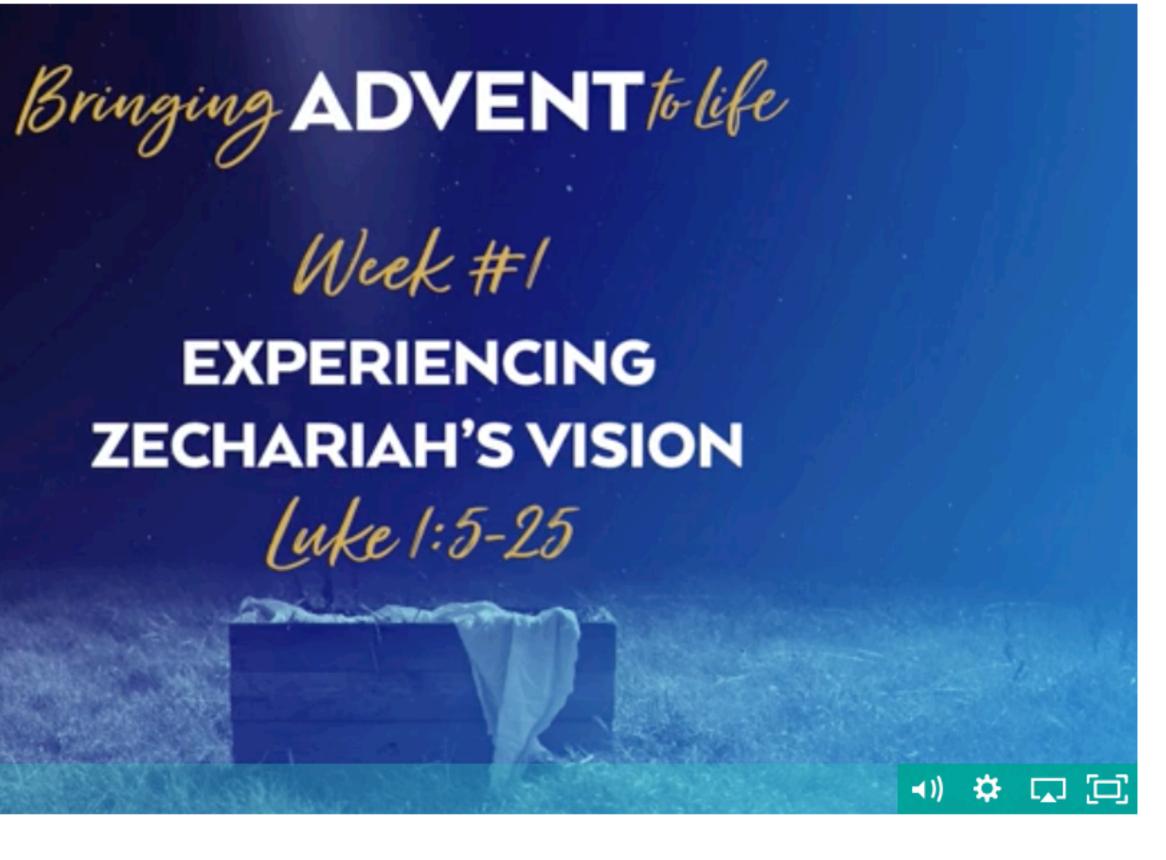
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"I love Jan's teaching and am SO thankful to have discovered this course—it was definitely a movement of God in my life.""





Retreat begins Monday, November 27

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