



SUN GROVE CHURCH

Advent(ure) – From Sorrow to Joy

Advent can be an Adventure where He takes us from where we are to places that, without Him, we'd never be able to go.

- Luke 1:26b-27.

Nazareth

- Nazareth was a ridiculed city, in a ridiculed region, in a lowly-esteemed country.
- John 1:46
- Matthew 2:23
- The verb translated as "He shall be called" is a derogatory term used for name-calling.

The Adventure

- Luke 1:28-38
- Luke 1:46-51a

Where's This Joy Coming From?

- Joy is a deep sense of well-being despite our circumstances.
- The adventure isn't a journey from sad to happy; it's a journey from sorrow to joy.
- God's favor and presence are not meant to bring us happiness in this world.
- God's favor and presence are meant to bring us joy.

Joy is a gift God wants to give us down deep in our soul through a personal relationship with the one conceived in Nazareth and born in Bethlehem.

We are to be recipients of God's love and grace and dispensers of God's love and grace.