

**Keep Awake!**  
**December 3, 2017**

*Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **LOOK**

Advent is the beginning of our liturgical calendar. It's a reset to our faith – “a mini Lent” as Rev. Lisa called it. While the rest of the world hustles and bustles, we are called to wait and watch.

1. Do you treat Advent like a mini Lent? If so what practices help you do that?
2. How do you watch for God?

## **BOOK** *Mark 13: 24-37*

As a method of studying this passage, notice that there are three distinct sections (24-27, 28-31, 32-37). Study each one separately first and then notice what they all have in common. Here are some suggested questions:

1. What title would you give to each section?
2. What parables and analogies are used? What concepts do they help you understand more fully?
3. Do you see any common themes in each section?

## **TOOK**

One commentary on this passage suggests that “keep awake” may be better translated “keep your wits about you” and that a good question to ask ourselves is “where do you see Christ?”

1. So... where did you see Christ recently?
2. Where/how will you look for Christ next?