1. What similarities do you find between God’s people in exile or in the “silent period” between the testaments and God’s people today?

2. What realities in your heart, in your life, and in this world most make you groan and long for your true home?

3. Will said, “We don’t want to admit we’re exiles here.” What moments, people, or circumstances do you look to for a temporary feeling of home?

4. What is the difference between enjoying something as a glimmer of light in a world of darkness and having that good thing become an idol in your heart?

5. How do you practice the waiting of advent - looking forward to Jesus’ second coming? Why is that vitally important for us as Christians today?

6. What’s one way you can slow down this Christmas season to allow your groaning to point you to your true home? Who is one other groaning person whose life you could bless with the hope of Christmas this year?

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