

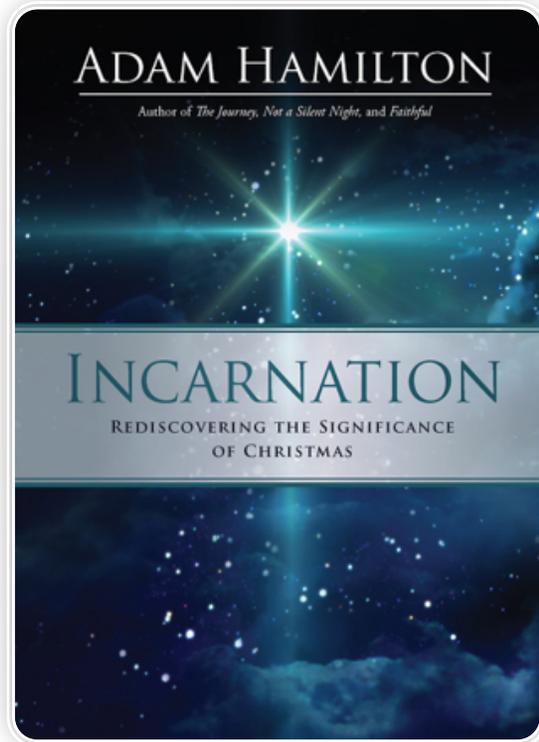
# ADVENT 2020

## SMALL GROUPS

A timeline:

- Pray and Read The first and most important step in planning your Advent is to slow down, pray, and read. What scriptures are speaking to you?(Oct)
- Invite Others into the Process The second step in planning your Advent is to invite others into the process of praying, reading, and, eventually, brainstorming and planning. (Oct)  
Depending on your approach, you can invite the worship team, small group leaders, children and youth leaders. Look over studies, pray about what does your community need to hear this year. What have been popular in your community in the past? Do you need to take a fresh approach or is this the year to stick to what has worked.
- Choose leaders, small group host (Early October)
- Choose a curriculum, determine your needs (what do you need to purchase, print, write) (Mid October)
- Invite don't promote. Have each leader invite a 6-8 people to join the group if it is virtual or in person as we will want to keep groups small this year. (Mid October)
- Let people know about the studies through the newsletter, email, and social media. However, nothing can replace the personal invitation (Early November)
- Set up a time to go over the study with your leaders if they are new. (Early November)
- Start groups - Late November - Jan
- Evaluate - Take time to thank your leaders and hear about their experiences. Write notes for planning Lent Studies.

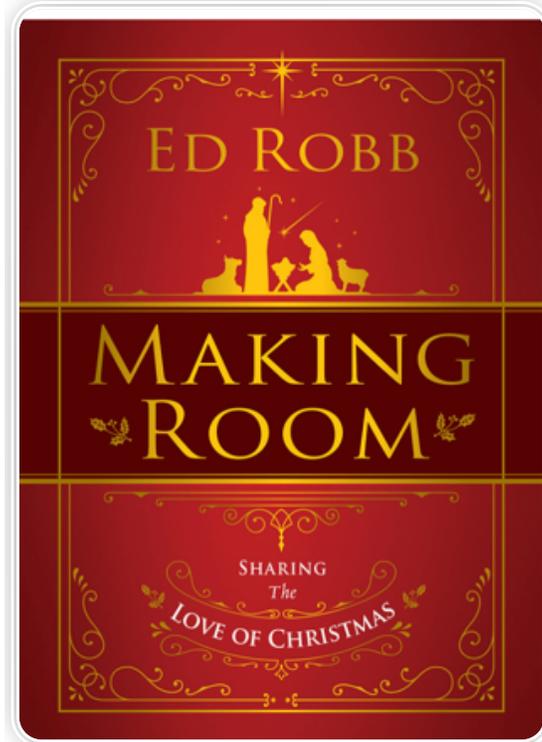




## INCARNATION

**ADAM HAMILTON**

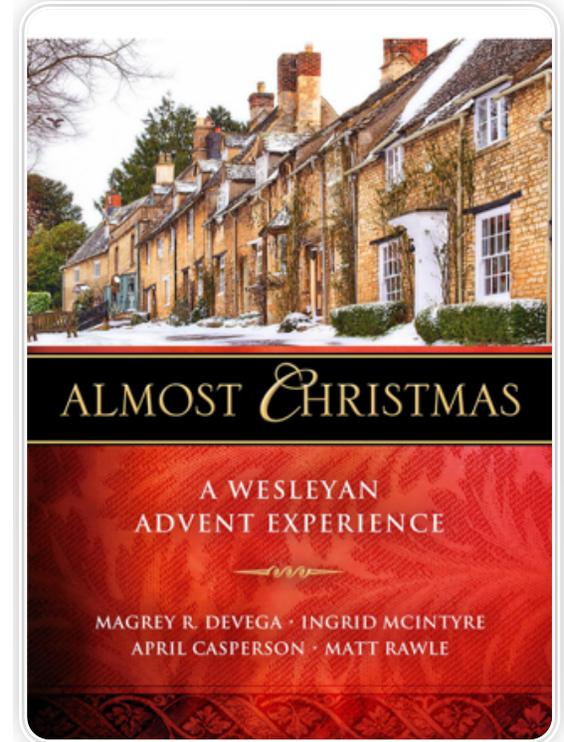
This Advent season, Adam Hamilton invites you into his living room to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness.



## MAKING ROOM

**ED ROBB**

if we look at the Advent story we'll quickly learn that the focus of the coming of the newborn king is outward. Bringing the love of God to neighbors, strangers, outcasts and community.

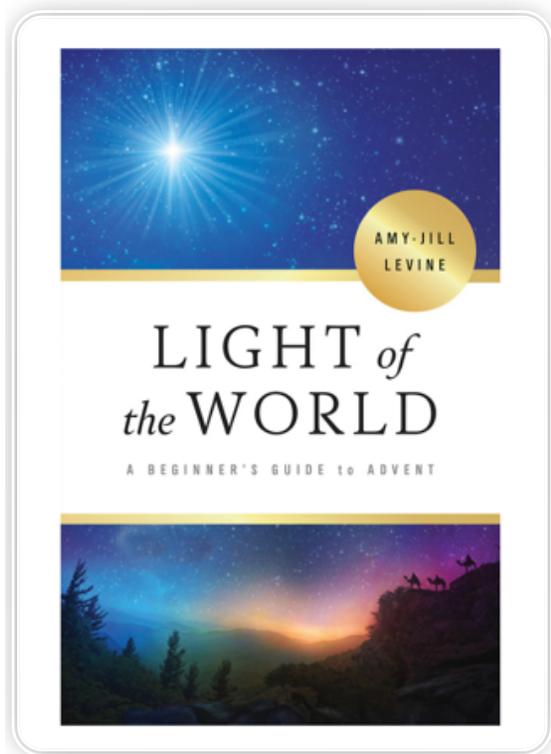


## ALMOST CHRISTMAS

**A WESLEYAN ADVENT EXPERIENCE**

**MAGREY DEVEGA, INGRID MCINTYRE,  
APRIL CASPERSON, MATT RAWLE**

Connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. How to have these live beyond the Christmas season.



## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**AMY-JILL LEVINE**

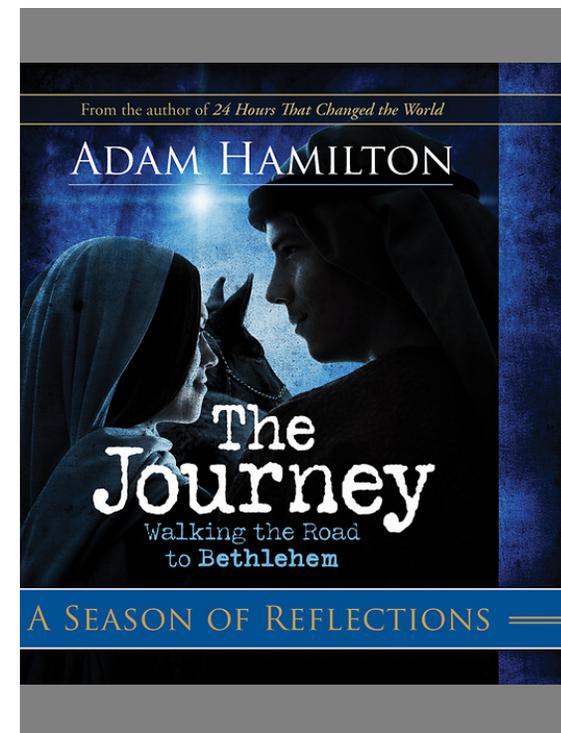
This study traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi.



## DECK THE HALLS

**GNJ BREAKTHROUGH**

As we get out the Christmas lights, ornaments and tinsel to decorate our homes this year, it might be hard for some of us to feel the holiday cheer. We



## THE JOURNEY. ADAM HAMILTON

**SMALL CHURCH GUIDE**

GNJ created a simplified the Leader's Guide for this book that meets the needs for Small Churches.