

WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE

ISAIAH 64: 1-9

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Isaiah 64:8-9 - Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Today's scripture is a lament about God's punishment for the people's sins. It is particularly applicable today because we, too, have turned away from God and His love for us. As a nation, as a church, and as a people, we have let other things become more important than our relationship with God. We search for peace but there is no peace because we have stopped putting God first. I find the events of our daily life and the headlines very unsettling.

But, I find hope in remembering that we are God's people—imperfect, granted—but still His people. The people that He loved so much that He would send His only Son into the world to redeem us. The people that He knows by name and calls us His own.

During this precious season of advent let us become the people God calls us to be, disciples making disciples. For us the message of advent should be God's gift of the everyday presence of His Son. We do not go down this road alone, because He is always with us.

Prayer: Oh Lord. You are our Father and we are Your people. Forgive us when we transgress against You. Forgive us when we doubt your power in our world today. Mold us and make us into the people you would have us be. Amen.

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