

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

For Sherri Gragg, author of *Advent: The Story of Christmas*

“I was sitting on a hillside in Israel when I first believed God loved me.
During the years since, I have eagerly researched
the history, geography and culture of Bible times.
The hours spent in research have been sweet ones for me;
I offer you all I’ve learned, wrapped in story.
May you discover that God loves you more than you ever imagined.”
--*Sherri Gragg*

- Christmas is often called “the most wonderful time of the year.” But for many, it has become “the most stressful time of the year.” Why? What is spoiling the season of peace and goodwill?
- Your new book suggests an ancient antidote for our modern holiday busyness: the practice of Advent. When did Christians begin observing the season of Advent? How does Advent differ from Christmas?
- Your new book, *Advent: The Story of Christmas*, vividly unfolds 31 stories from scripture. Why did you choose these 31 stories? Do you have a favorite among them?
- Your narrative writing style has been described as “Bible Stories for Grown-Ups.” What does that mean to you?
- *Advent: The Story of Christmas* features historically accurate depictions of ancient culture. How has your study of Middle Eastern history and culture expanded your understanding of the Christmas story?
- How might readers incorporate Advent practices into the month of December? How does personal journaling enrich the Advent season?
- Parents who want to be practicing Advent with their families may need some guidance. How might a family practice “waiting for God” together?
- In the introduction for your book, *Advent*, you write that you were sitting on a hillside in Israel when you first believed God loved you. What happened to convince you of God’s love?
- What do you hope readers discover as they read through the stories in *Advent: The Story of Christmas*?

Guest: Sherri Gragg – author, writer of “Bible Stories for Adults”
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