

## A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of December 8, 2024

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

## Warm Up

What battle are you growing weary of fighting? Why is it so hard? How does Jesus strengthen you for this conflict?

## Isaiah 9:3-5 Far As The Curse is Found

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

- <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- Isaiah describes the joy God's people will know when the promised Messiah makes war cease. Verse 4 refers to <u>Judges 7</u> and Gideon's defeat of Midian. How is the Messiah's victory even better than Israel's victory over Midian?
- Isaiah sees a future time when the LORD transforms hopelessness into hope. What will need to happen to provide a permanent hope for God's people?
- The Incarnation of Christ holds out the hope that we will stop our suffering, striving, and fighting. How did Jesus accomplish this at His first coming?
- What additional blessings will we know at His second coming?
- What battle, great or small, are you longing to see replaced by the peace of Christ?
- Pray together in response to God's Word.

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