

## DISCUSSION GUIDE || December 10-11, 2025

### REMEMBER

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- We're in the season of **Advent**—the season of waiting and the church's New Year.
- We put ourselves back in time looking ahead to Christ's *first* advent as we also look forward to when Christ will come again.
- A **prophet** sees the world through God's eyes—they see the reality of how things really are. Prophets see the world as it *ought* to be and *will* be.
- *What did Isaiah see?* He sees a **sprout** that's anointed with a **spirit** who is a **judge** setting things right and a **banner** calling people home.

### REFLECT on the **season**

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1. **Where are you in your life with God and others this week of Advent?** (*Do you feel distracted or focused? At peace or on edge? Hopeful or worried? Inspired or discouraged?...*)

### READ Isaiah 11.1-10

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### REFLECT on the **passage**

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2. **What word, phrase, or idea** is most interesting or surprising to you from this passage? **Why?**
3. What does this passage reveal about **God's desire, will, and/or work** in the world?
4. How does this passage **inspire hope** in God's people (even though this king won't arrive for several centuries)?
5. What **glimmers of hope** do you see in your life and world this week?  
In other words, what's giving you hope that things will be better?
6. Are there any **invitations** you've been sensing in your life with God?  
*Calls to trust, pray, or partner **more intentionally** with God or neighbor?*
7. What can we **pause and pray** for in our lives, neighborhood, and world right now?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **FOR THE NATIONS CHRISTMAS STORE** is THIS SATURDAY! 414 S. Purdue St. Garland, TX 75042
- **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is Wednesday, December 24 @ **5pm**