

DISCUSSION GUIDE || December 3-4, 2025

REMEMBER

- 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.
- Hope is a **confident expectation** (not wishful thinking). Hope is **audacious**. Hope is what **takes us through** the difficult times.
- The prophet Isaiah **proclaims God's reality** because the prophet sees things as God sees them.
- Isaiah **imagines a world** where weapons of war are transformed into tools of creation.

REFLECT on the **season**

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

READ Isaiah 2.1-5

REFLECT on the **passage**

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?*
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. *Like verse 4, how can we **repurpose our power** (time, money, energy, words, stuff...) into life-giving tools that bring light into the darkness, hope to the hopeless? In other words, how can we "walk in the light of the LORD"? (Isaiah 2.5)*
7. *What can we **pause and pray** for in our lives, neighborhood, and world right now?*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LADIES' COOKIE & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE is **THIS FRIDAY** @ 6pm
- YOUTH NIGHT @ the Barnors is **THIS SATURDAY** after our Gathering