CONNECTION GROUP QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Title: The Light of the Lord

Synopsis: Isaiah points Israel toward a future day when God will reign supreme, bringing peace, justice, and hope. This prophecy shows that God's light illuminates what is hidden in darkness and calls us to live as though His kingdom is already present.

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Icebreaker

- 1. Would you rather always have a flashlight that only lights one small step ahead or have a lantern that lights a large area but flickers unpredictably?
- 2. What's a habit, hobby, or practice that helps you "see clearly" or make better decisions in your life?

Read Isaiah 2:1-5

Background Questions

- 3. What things were happening in Isaiah's time that prompted these words? How would this message have sounded to his audience?

 Leader Notes:
 - Political instability, threats from surrounding nations, social injustice.
 - Audience likely felt both fear and hope hearing God's promise of judgment and future restoration.

Meaning Questions

- 4. What kind of hope do you think God offers to humans? *Leader Notes:*
- Peace, justice, reconciliation, guidance, a future where God's ways prevail.
- Hope that is both future-oriented and able to influence present behavior.
- 5. How do these verses point to the birth of Jesus? *Leader Notes:*
- Jesus as the light shining into darkness, bringing God's kingdom near.
- Fulfillment of God's promise to rule in righteousness and establish peace.

Personal Application Questions

- 6. What are some of the situations in our world today that seem hopeless?
 - Examples: War, poverty, injustice, environmental crises, personal struggles.
- 7. What are some ways that our society and culture influence us to walk in darkness?
 - Examples: Celebrating violence, pursuing wealth as the ultimate life goal, never risking your own comfort to help others, retaliating when others hurt you, doing anything for popularity or recognition.
- 8. What do you think it looks like to "walk in light" in your life?
 - Examples: Living with integrity, showing mercy, seeking God's guidance, making choices that reflect God's kingdom values.
- 9. In what ways can we help others "walk in the light" in our community, school, or home?
 - Examples: Offering encouragement, mentoring, advocating for justice, or showing kindness.
- 10. What habits or practices could help you notice God's light more clearly in your everyday life?
 - Examples: Daily reading of Scripture, prayer, meditation, journaling, or reflecting on God's blessings.