

The Appearing...

THE COMING OF THE VERY SON OF GOD

Dec 12: The Story of the Shepherd-King

Icebreaker:

When did someone give you a second chance; and what did you do different the second time?

Message Bible Text:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Discussion Questions:

1. How was Israel experiencing hopelessness in the time of Isaiah? What are sources/examples of hopelessness in our world?
2. What is the meaning of the root of Jesse? (see Isaiah 53:2; Isaiah 61; Revelation 5:5)
3. King David was the shoot of Jesse. Why was his reign the bench mark for all kings? (see 2 Samuel 5:12)

Supplemental Bible Texts:

1 Samuel 16; John 1:45

Discussion Questions:

1. Isaiah 11 describes an “improbable, incomparable, and infinite” reign. Why would Israel feel this is impossible?
2. What would we see as improbable, incomparable, and infinite in our world?
3. According to Revelation 5:5 and Isaiah 11:10, who or what is our improbable, incomparable, and infinite hope?

Take-Home Thoughts:

- Sometimes God does his best work in improbable situations.
- As believers our final resting place will be glorious; as our tombs will be empty.

Prayer Requests (use the extra bullets to place your own requests or your small group's requests):

- Prayers for the people who suffered in the recent tornados.
- Prayers for the people struggling with loss during this advent season.
- Prayers for families to enjoy this season and recognize the true meaning and spirit of Christmas.
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Memory Verses:

Isaiah 11:10 - In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Romans 15:12-13 - And again, Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.