



the Promised One

Accompanies the 12/11/22 sermon

Isaiah 11:1-10


Our hope is not just that God promises to comfort us in our afflictions, it is also that one day He will lift them from us.

GETTING STARTED

Share with the group a Christmas gift that you can remember really wanting. Did you receive the gift?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.

 Have someone in your group read **Isaiah 11:1-10**

- Who is being described in today's scripture? What other scriptures are you aware of that support this?
- What characteristics does this promised ruler possess?
- What promise does the Lord make with regard to His people, in Isaiah 11:11-12

- Isaiah tells of the type of Kingdom he will establish. What imagery is used? What does this tell you about his values?

GETTING PRACTICAL

1. Evil, hate, war and injustice are something we all recognize in our world. Many struggle with the reason for such destruction. What does this verse tell you about God's will and our need?
2. Israel expected a warrior king that would save them from other rulers, what they received was a savior that would save them from their sins. How are our perceptions of God's gifts less than what he has in store?
3. What effect might our limited view of God's plan have on us? How might it distort our peace, hope, or joy?
4. How can we cultivate a vision for our future that is more in line with God's plans?