

Nov 30/25 – Advent 1

Small Group Questions – Isaiah 11:1–10

1. When you think about “hope,” what feelings, images, or memories come to mind for you?

Read Isaiah 11:1–10

2. Isaiah describes a “shoot from the stump of Jesse.” What strikes you about this imagery? Why might God choose a stump—not a seed or fertile field—as the starting place for hope?

3. What do you notice about the qualities of the Spirit resting on the coming King?

4. The sermon contrasted two sides of judgment: removing what is wrong and restoring what is right. How does that reshape your understanding of judgment?

5. Isaiah describes predators and prey living in peace. What does this imagery awaken in you? How does it expand your imagination for God’s future?

6. Isaiah imagines a world without fear. What fears most shape or limit our world or our lives today?

7. Where might Jesus be inviting you to relinquish an area of your life to His healing reign?

8. What fear might Jesus be calling you to release this Advent, and what truth about who he is and what he has done helps you release it?

9. What might it look like for you, or for our church, to open more fully to the Spirit’s work of new creation?