

Sermon: The Promise of New Beginnings.
Series: *The Weary World Rejoices.*

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10.
Date: November 27, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In what way has the world been weary to you lately? Is there a new beginning that you are looking forward to give you some hope?

b) What is your future? Are you confident about what will happen to you when you die? Explain.

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) What do we learn about God's commitment to justice in this passage? What do we learn about his commitment to love and mercy?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Think about the branch growing out of a stump imagery of Isaiah 11:1. How does this image point to the cross of Christ?

b) In Christ we are the new creation (the preview) of Christ's kingdom on Earth. Look at these passages together and think through how they fulfill the promises of Isaiah 11:1-10 through the church: 11:1 and Ephesians 3:17-19 (hint: rooted in Jesus' love); 11:2 and Ephesians 1:17-23 (hint: the Spirit of wisdom); 11:9 and Hebrews 12:22-29 (hint: God's mountain); 11:6 and Ephesians 2:14 (hint: enemies at peace); and 11:10 and Romans 15:12 (hint: the church's hope).

APPLICATION

a) How can/does the hope of Isaiah 11 give meaning to your weary suffering (think about how Christ will restore and transform everything both spiritually AND physically).

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8.

PRAYER

- Thank God for his promise of a new beginning.
- Confess ways that you have let your weariness steal your hope.
- Thank Jesus for his coming rule and reign over all creation.
- Ask God to help you live as a preview of the coming kingdom of Christ.