

# Sermon Discussion Questions



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## “JESUS—THE ROOT OF JESSE”

**Big Idea:** Jesus, the root of Jesse, is transforming and will completely transform the entire world with his peace that re-orders and renews all things.

## Discuss

If you read the end of Isaiah, chapter 10, you will see a picture of total destruction. (If you have time, look at verses 20-34.) Isaiah is foretelling the complete humbling of proud Assyria—a vast, lofty forest of human arrogance will be felled, leaving nothing but stumps. It is a powerful image.

Perhaps you have heard music that swelled with fearful loudness and then ended in a cataclysmic crash. That kind of music could be the soundtrack to the end of Isaiah 10. Then there is silence until a single note, played softly (can you even hear it?), sings out at the beginning of chapter 11. A “shoot” grows up from a stump. The stump is not even identified as the stump of David, the great king of Israel from whom other great kings were supposed to come. Instead, it’s the “stump of Jesse.” We have gone all the way back to the time when there seemed to be only the feeble hope of (and an aching longing for) a wise, just, and powerful king.

- 1) Look at verses 1-8, taking note of the way the Messiah is described.
  - What are the characteristics of this perfect King?
  - How is he different from even the best of human kings? Solomon, for example, is identified in the Bible as the wisest of human kings (see 1 Kings 4:29-30), but how does his wisdom compare to that of the Messiah? (see 1 Kings 11:1-6)
- 2) Read Proverbs 1:7 and look back at verse 3.
  - We almost never pair fear and delight when thinking about anything. What kind of fear does the Messiah have? Why does he delight in the fear of the Lord?
  - How will our everyday lives be affected if we have this kind of fear?
- 3) Read Rev. 5:5. One day the Kingdom that Jesus ushered in with his arrival will be fully realized.
  - Name some of the current realities of our dark and despairing world that will be completely changed.
  - Share with your group which of the transformations you most long to see occur.

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PASSAGE: Isaiah 11:1-10

## Pray

Praise God for his wisdom, understanding, power, and righteousness.

Confess the times you have judged situations only by what you have seen with your eyes or heard with your ears (see v. 4), instead of seeking wisdom from Scripture and through prayer.

Thank God for the fruit that has come because the root of Jesse came into the world.

Pray for the return of Jesus, when the world will finally know perfect justice and perfect peace.

### PRAY FOR HOME MISSIONS

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### PRAY FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Dan and Gini serving in a sensitive area