

# The Gift Advent Series – Questions Week 1

## Open:

1. When does your Christmas Tree typically go up? When do you take it down?
2. What is your favorite Christmas song or carol? What is your least favorite?

## Dig:

### Read: Isaiah 11:1-3

3. This morning, Brad shared about the atrocities the Assyrian Army committed on God's people during the days Isaiah recorded this prophecy. Who was Jesse (David's father), and why was this good news and a message of hope?
4. Isaiah was not pointing to David, but rather the coming Messiah. What can we learn about him from this passage?

### Read: Isaiah 11:6-10

5. Why is Isaiah trying to communicate about how this world will change when the Messiah comes?
6. How do you think this message provided hope to God's people?

## Reflect:

7. How would you define hope in your own words?
8. How is Jesus' birth the fulfillment of long-awaited hope?
9. How has God been faithful in your life? How does that give you hope for the future?

## Prayer:

Have your group lift up a prayer thanking the Lord for the hope we all receive through the gift of His Son, Jesus?

## Reminder:

Please remind your group about our upcoming Candlelight Service at 6:00pm on Sunday Night, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend, family member, or coworker.