

"Purpose in the Promise" Small Group Questions Week of November 30, 2025

Icebreaker:

What is the darkest space you have ever experienced? Or what is a time you were very grateful for a flashlight?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Isaiah 9:2-7: Why do you think God provided these kinds of promises in the Old Testament?

How might they have impacted the Israelites?

2. How do promises function in our own lives?

How do you spend time focusing on God's promise of advent during this season?

Share any rituals or traditions you have for the Advent season that might be helpful to others in the group to be intentional during this time.

- 3. From 8:19-22, what do you think Isaiah meant by the "darkness" in which the people walk?
- 4. How does the season of Advent invite us to reflect on the darkness around us and our own shortcomings?

How does knowing the fulfillment of this promise help us to reflect with hope?

5. What will be the light?

How is He defined in verses 6-7?

What expectations would this arouse in you if you had first heard Isaiah pronounce it?

What type of son or ruler would you expect to see?

How would his future rule and counsel compare with past alliances and plans?

6. How might you live today in greater anticipation for the second Advent of Jesus?

How might your small group help each other to live as people who are awaiting the King's return?