

**LIFE GROUPS – LEADER OUTLINE**  
**Sunday Sermon Notes – Discussion – Application**  
**Isaiah 35:1-10**  
**JOY (ADVENT)**

**STARTER QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP**

- What's one way you've seen God turn a difficult season into something life-giving?
- What helps you stay on a "straight path" when life feels confusing?
- What's a promise of God that gives you hope right now?

**READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER – Isaiah 35:1-10**

- Have each group member read a couple of verses that will be covered during the study time.

**PRAY FOR THE TIME TOGETHER IN THE WORD**

- Invite someone in the group to open the study time in prayer.

**HIGHLIGHTS and OBSERVATIONS OF THE TEXT**

- In what way was Israel's condition like a wilderness (v. 1)?
- What is the glory of the Lord, and in what way would Israel see it (v. 2)?
- How does Isaiah give us a clear pattern for the encouragement of discouraged and weak Christians (v. 3-4)?
- How does this passage speak directly about the wonder-working power of Jesus Christ (v. 5-6)?
- What is the highway Isaiah speaks of (v. 8-10)?
- What does this passage teach you about the joys of heavenly life (v. 10)?

**FROM SUNDAY'S SERMON – Reflect and discuss the main points**

- What stood out in the sermon to you and why?
- How does Christ fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 35?
- How does the image of a desert being transformed speak about our spiritual transformation in Christ?
- How does it speak about the physical transformation of the universe in the new heaven and new earth?
- Who can access the way of holiness?
- Explain the terms redeemed and ransomed. How do they fit in this passage?

**PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE THIS WEEK – PERSONAL APPLICATION**

- How can we use this chapter to strengthen our hope in heaven and build up others who are struggling?
- Where do you currently feel like you are in a desert place?
- What would it look like to invite God's renewing presence there?
- Which fears have been speaking louder than God's promises, and what truth from Isaiah 35 can silence them?
- What intentional step can you take this week to pursue holiness with greater focus?
- What are the biggest distractions or temptations that pull you off God's path?

**CLOSE YOUR TIME IN PRAYER TOGETHER FOR ONE ANOTHER**

- As we close out this study, spend some time sharing with one-another prayer requests for where you feel the Lord has been speaking to your heart about what might be a needed change in habits, thoughts, or attitudes as it relates to our walk with Christ.