



Sermon Discussion Guide

Advent

Isaiah 11:1-9

Peace

Warm Up Questions:

- Is there any place in your life right now that feels like a stump, a cut-down wasteland?

READ: Isaiah 11:1-9

I. Rules with **Judgment** (Is. 11:1-2, 4b)

- How would you respond to a friend who says, "I can't believe that a good God would be a God of judgment"? How is God's judgment "good news?"
- What difference might believing in future judgment make in the way we live?

II. Reconciles with **His Righteousness** (Is. 11:3-4a)

- How does Isaiah describe the coming ruler? (Look at Is. 9:6-7 too) What are his characteristics? How does this contrast with earthly rulers?
- What keeps the righteous judgment of the coming ruler from being a death sentence for us?
- Do you feel at peace with God--that your struggle for worth and justification is over? Why or why not?

III. Reigns with **Shalom** (Is. 11:6-9)

- What is shalom? How is it more than just peace?
- How are vv. 6-9 a picture of shalom (cf. Gen. 3:14-15)?

Going Deeper

Read Ephesians 6:11-17 and Isaiah 11:5, 52:7, 59:17. What similarities do you see between these passages? When we put on the armor of God, whom are we clothing ourselves in (cf. Rom. 13:14, Gal. 3:26)?

