



# Sermon Discussion Guide

## ADVENT

### ISAIAH 61

## JOY

#### **Warm-Up Questions:**

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#### **READ: Isaiah 61**

#### **I. JOY: The RESTORATION**

- ▶ Read vs. 1-2a & Luke 4;18-19. Share your favorite stories of how Jesus brought restoration someone. How must it have brought joy?
- ▶ What circumstances in life might be robbing you of joy right now?
- ▶ What might restoration look like in those areas? What could restore your joy?

#### **II. JOY: The CALLING**

- ▶ Read vs. 3-6 again. What is our calling as Christians who have been restored by God?
- ▶ Encourage others with a way God has used you to bring restoration to someone in need of it around you?
- ▶ Take a moment to think of someone that needs restoration and how God might want to use you to bring it.

#### **III. JOY: The BELOVED**

- ▶ Read Is. 9:6-8 & 53:3-4. Describe how Jesus fills both descriptions of a victorious king and suffering king.
- ▶ Read 61:3. 3x's vs. 3 uses "instead." How does Jesus take what we deserve and give us "instead"?
- ▶ Read 61:10. Discuss the situation why he is filled with joy. Do you see yourself completely like this in the eyes of God? Do you feel "adorned" by God like a bride? Why or why not?

"No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. To those who knock it is opened."  
- CS Lewis

#### **TAKE ACTION**

What is one action step you need to take in response to this

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