

INTRO

What is your favorite part of Christmas? Are you weary this season or joyful?

DISCUSSION

Isaiah 8-12

- 1. Does the announcement of peace on earth at the birth of Christ give you joy this season? Why or why not?
- 2. Isaiah 8 (vs. 21-22) talks about the people of Israel walking in darkness. What day where they looking forward to?
- 3. Isaiah 9 (vs. 2) says the people walking in darkness have seen a great light. Who is the light and how does that change our outlook?
- 4. Does looking back to Christmas, the birth of the Prince of Peace give you reason to rejoice? Why or why not?
- 5. Isaiah 10 (vs. 1-2) talks of injustice and oppression. Do you feel we are living in a time of peace or injustice? Why or why not?
- 6. Isaiah 11 (vs. 1-9) talks of a coming judgment and then a time of the wolf sitting with the lamb. What does this imagery make you think of? Why?
- 7. Isaiah 12 (vs. 1-6) is praise for God's plan of salvation. Why is there reason to have joy?
- 8. Does looking forward to Christ's return, a coming peace on earth, give you reason to rejoice? Why or why not?

APPLICATION

How can we bring peace on earth? Who is our example to follow?

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