

CHRISTMAS

FORETOLD week 4

INTRO

What present did you most hope for in your life and why?

DISCUSSION

READ: Isaiah 60 aloud.

1. Isaiah 60:1-2 talks about the light in the darkness. This parallels the creation story when God created light in Genesis 1, the prophecy of light coming into the darkness in Isaiah 9, and is referenced by Matthew in Matthew 4. Does vs. 1-2 make you think of Jesus? Why or why not?
2. Read vs. 3 and Revelation 21:24. Do you think John's vision in Revelation 21 connects to Isaiah's prophecy in vs. 3? Why or why not?
3. Read vs. 5 and 11 and Revelation 21:25-26. Do you see a connection between these passages? What is the significance of the gates being open? What does that reveal about the coming future?
4. Read vs. 19 and Revelation 21:23. Why is it significant from Isaiah and Revelation that there will no longer be sun nor moon? Does this make you think of Genesis 1 before the sun and moon were created? Why or why not?
5. How does the Prophet explain this world in vs. 18 and 22? Do you have hope that there will one day be a world without violence, ruin, destruction, and sorrow? Why or why not?
6. How does the fulfillment of Isaiah through Jesus's birth give us hope for Isaiah's prophecy of our eternal future?

APPLICATION

Do you have hope in this eternal future as described in Isaiah 60 and Revelation 21? How can you increase your hope in your eternal future this season?

PRAY

Pray for each other.

