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SUNDAY RECAP

This past Sunday was the beginning of the Christmas season and our Advent series, *For God So Loved the World*. Each week we will focus on different aspects of the Christmas story and Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: What was something you had to wait for but was worth the wait and surpassed your expectations?

READ KEY PASSAGE: Romans 15:13 & Isaiah 9:2

DISCUSS

1. What's the difference between biblical hope and optimism?
2. Pastor Tim said that "hope has to have agency, meaning something or someone taking action to produce a particular effect." How do you see this connected with Advent?
3. Read Romans 15:13 again. How are others impacted when we are filled with all joy and peace?
4. Share one recent instance where you have seen God moving and at work in your life.
5. How do you plan to stay focused on Christ and celebrate Advent?

PRAYER TIME: Share requests and pray over one another.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Jazz Concert: Jim Martinez Quartet** - 12/8 | 6:30-8p | Worship Center
Free Admission, Love Offering | Details at fairoaks.church/events
- **Toy Drive** - 12/9 | 9a-12p | Guidelines and details at fairoaks.church/events
- **Winter Guest House** - 1/1-1/7 | Volunteers needed to cook/serve, clean, laundry, spend the night, greet & more | Sign up at fairoaks.church/events

