

Text: Isaiah 11:1-5

Big Idea: 700 years before Jesus' birth, Isaiah taught that Israel could trust the coming Messiah. Remembering His first coming, we can trust the promise of His return.

- Jesus loves the right things.
- Jesus <u>does</u> the right things.
- Jesus is the Right Thing.

Lessons we can learn from Isaiah

- Unbelievers need to be warned. Jesus as an infant is not threatening, Jesus as King of Kings coming in His full power will judge rightly and fairly.
- Everything rests on Jesus. Reflect on what He means to you. Jesus gives us biblical hope.
- Knowing the future allows us to bear current injustice and even persecution.
- Trust even when we are afraid and struggling with the pressure of life.

Personal Reflection:

- 1. Where have you placed trust and hope in the past year? Reflect on the ways those things may have been insufficient.
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 2:10-12. Reflect how God's desire of you might change your thoughts and actions. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and enable you.

Wishing you a blessed and happy Christmas.