



Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

Big Idea: Advent is a celebration of Jesus' first coming and a reminder that He will come again. Even in the face of enormous challenges, God is our Anchor and we can trust in His promises for the future.

- Jesus is the One who was promised.
- Jesus is the One who is empowered.

Discussion & Personal Reflection:

1. In Isaiah's time, Judea was trusting in an earthly alliance with Assyria for protection. That proved unsuccessful. What are current earthly equivalents of "power or protection" that we are tempted to trust? How do they fall short?
2. Pandemic constraints and precautions make it difficult to see "life beneath the surface". Share some blessings you have experienced because we are struggling with these challenges. What are you learning?
3. Jesus' ministry and life were empowered by the Holy Spirit. Where do you sense the Holy Spirit may be leading you? How will His empowerment be necessary to "go there"?