Sermon Discussion Questions

For the Week of December 3, 2023

Sermon Information:

Waiting for Joy Isaiah 35

What is the promise of this prophecy?

- A restored world
- A <u>redeemed</u> people
- A joyous <u>return</u>

What is this prophecy meant to produce?

- A <u>strengthened</u> people
- A <u>sanctified</u> people
- A singing people

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Our world today often offers instant gratification. Do you feel like you are someone who is able to wait well?
- 2. In what ways do we see this prophecy fulfilled in Jesus' first coming? In what ways are we still waiting for this prophecy to be fulfilled in Jesus' return?
- 3. Read Isaiah 35:3-4. Is there anything that is causing you to feel weak and/or anxious? How can the words of this prophecy and this season of Advent help you to be strengthened?
- 4. Read Isaiah 35:8-9. What does the imagery in these verses teach us about the process of salvation? What step of sanctification is God calling you to take today?
- 5. We are not only supposed to wait for joy but also have joy in the waiting. How can you rejoice during this Advent season even as we wait for Jesus' return?