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IN REAL HOPE

Symptoms of Hopelessness in our World Today:

- Increased lack of motivation
- 100,000 overdose deaths
- 1 in 4 adults with mental illness
- Suicide at all time high

People who are Hopeful are:

- More productive
- Less affected by stress
- More compassionate
- Easier to get along with
- Physically more healthy

REAL HOPE *this Advent*

Advent: _____ (First Arrival and Second Arrival)

Theme of Advent: _____

ISAIAH 11:1-10 | *Open Your Bible to Follow Along.*

Context of Isaiah 11 (600BC) :

- Northern Kingdom Destroyed
- Southern Kingdom Under Siege
- Lack of Leadership
- Sin and Moral Decline

Isaiah's Message of Hope In the Darkness:

1 | God is With You and _____ .

“ The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

ISAIAH 7:14 (NIV)

“ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

ISAIAH 9:6 (NIV)

God's Plan Usually Arrives in _____

“ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”

ISAIAH 11:1 (NIV)

At _____

“ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)

But Don't Forget

“ This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.”

JEREMIAH 29:10 (NIV)

“ Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity.”

JEREMIAH 29:12-14 (NIV)

2 | God's Plan is Rooted in _____ .

“ The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him– the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord– and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;”

ISAIAH 11:2-3 (NIV)

“ For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”

EPHESIANS 6:12 (NLT)

3 | God's Plan is One Day All Things _____ .

- Ultimate end to _____ (11:4-5)
- Ultimate end to _____ (11:6-7)
- Ultimate end to _____ (11:8-9)

“ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

ISAIAH 11:10 (NIV)

THE MAIN IDEA: _____ !

DISCUSSION *Questions:*

- 1 - Have you ever known someone who was feeling Hopeless? Can you explain what they felt like?
- 2 - What are some of the things in life that can make you feel the most hopeless?
- 3 - Why is it important to know what was happening in Isaiah's world when he wrote Isaiah 11? (Northern Kingdom Destroyed, Southern Kingdom Under Siege, Lack of Leadership, Sin and Moral Decline)
- 4 - How do you feel when someone reminds you that God has a plan? What are some of the lessons from this week's message that help explain "God's Plans."
- 5 - Read Isaiah 11:2-3. What stands out in these verses about what the coming Messiah will be like?
- 6 - Read Isaiah 11:4-10. Can you sum up what you think the heart of Isaiah's message was in these verses?
- 7 - Where could you use some hope? Share with your group one situation where you need God's Hope?



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