The Gifts of Christmas Week 1- The Gift of Hope December 7, 2025 Pastor Lane Olson New Song Community Church

Text: Isaiah 9:2 & 6-7 (NIV)

A. Life under Roman Rule

- 1. They were living in the land of darkness
- 2. That prophetic word brought hope
- 3. The hope of the world...The Messiah. Would come!

Isaiah 9:6 & 7 (NIV)

B. How does that affect us today?

1. Spiritual Darkness is the birth pangs of Spiritual Change.

Isaiah 59:19b (NKJV) When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

2. Don't look at your circumstance stand on my Promises

Psalms 33:10-11 (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)

C. What do we do.

1. It's time to "press in" to our relationship with God.

Daniel 11:32b (NKJV) but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

D. Jesus came to bring hope to the Hopeless.

- 1. People who have lost hope when dealing with:
 - i. Health issues.
 - ii. A marriage that is in trouble.

- iii. Broken dreams.
- iv. Not where you want to be in terms of your relationship to Jesus.
- v. Addiction.
- 2. Nothing is too hard for God

Next Steps: Today:

- 1. I am committing recommitting my life to Christ
- 2. I need God to renew my hope for a better future
- 3. I want to help with the Christmas Eve outreach
- 4. By Faith I will invite at least 5 people to the Christmas Eve service.