

# A D V E N T

FOURTH SUNDAY



## **Bible Reading**

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm - Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38

## **Prayer**

*God of promise,  
you have given us a sign of your love  
through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who was promised from ages past.  
We believe as Joseph did  
the message of your presence  
whispered by an angel,  
and offer our prayers for your world,  
confident of your care and mercy for all creation.  
Amen.*

## WALKING LIGHT

### OVERVIEW:

For a period of around four hundred years, Israel found itself in a season of spiritual silence and darkness, but at God's perfectly chosen time, a baby came into the world that would shed light into the darkness. The awaited Messiah came and lived as the perfect light, illuminating all that sin had stained and providing a path of hope for all people. As this Christ would be the living light, those who followed him would be living lights as well.

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Sermon Questions** (*choose 2-3 questions; ask follow-up questions to responses given*):

- How did Sunday's teaching impact you personally?
- What thoughts concerning the teaching were going through your mind at the time?
- How might the message from this past week impact your circles of influence (e.g., home, work, community, church?)
- How could living out the teaching from Sunday differ from how you've currently lived?
- What might you need to rearrange in your life to apply the sermon?
- Why might applying the principles from Sunday be challenging for you?
- What questions do you have concerning the teaching?
- How might this Old Testament passage reveal Jesus Christ or a need for Christ?
- How could what you learned on Sunday help you disciple someone else?

**Scripture Reading Questions** (see other side for scriptures)

- What do we discover about God from the readings of 2 Samuel 7? How might these truths about him influence your faith?
- When you think of the God of the Universe coming as a baby, what comes to mind?
- Luke writes that nothing is impossible with God; is this easy or hard for you to accept? Explain.

**Take-Away Questions:**

- What's your take-away from the Sunday teaching and readings?

If you want some coaching on facilitating your group or need help with a specific situation related to your group, email us at [hello@northsummit.com](mailto:hello@northsummit.com) and a Group Coach will get in touch with you.

