

A D V E N T

FIRST SUNDAY



Bible Reading

First Reading - Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm - 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel - Mark 13:24-37

Prayer

*Give us ears to hear, O God,
and eyes to watch,
that we may know your presence in our midst
during this holy season of joy
as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

LIVING 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 does it mean to make God's name known, and how does that look in your life?
- God is seen as the potter who mold us as clay. How has the Lord molded you lately into his likeness?
- What does it mean to be enriched in God, and in what ways can you testify to those enrichments in your own life?

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 and a Group Coach will get in touch with you.