

A D V E N T

SECOND SUNDAY



Bible Reading

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

Prayer

*Hear our humble prayer, O Lord,
that we may serve you in holiness and faith
and give voice to your presence among us
until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

Amen.

THINKING 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 comfort do you find in God, as He is described in the Psalms 40 and 85 passages?
- In light of the Apostle Peter's remarks in 2 Peter, how are we to live as Christians? Does your life currently compare to the characteristics of the faithful found in this passage?
- Like John the Baptist, how can we prepare the way for the Lord's return for those in our circles of influence?

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.