

Life Application Questions

Consider the following sermon-based questions for your individual study or with a group of folks like one of the several Life Groups available at Chilson Hills.

Foundational Scripture:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Featured Scripture Reflection

“A green Shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump, from his roots a budding Branch. The life-giving Spirit of God will hover over him, the Spirit that brings wisdom and understanding, The Spirit that gives direction and builds strength, the Spirit that instills knowledge and Fear-of-God.”

—Isaiah 11:1-2, *The Message*)

Opening Icebreaker

What do you like most about coming home after being away?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What do you think it means for the Spirit of the Lord to rest upon God's anointed one?
- Verses 6-9 give a figurative picture of God's peaceful Kingdom on earth. What are the key ingredients in God's peace?
- What does this scene tell you about the possibility of human relationships under the influence of God?
- Who is the “Root of Jesse” in your understanding?

How is your life touched?

- What Jesus stories, teachings, or sayings come to mind when you read this passage?
- Which aspect of Jesus described here has made a difference in your life?
- Who is the wolf within your life?
- Who is the lamb within your life?
- What will you do with the lamb and the wolf?

What is God's invitation to you?

- Holy Scripture paints a picture of God's New Community of peace, hope, and joy in this passage from Isaiah. What one thing is God calling you to do to help this vision become a reality in your life?

What can you pray for?

- Pray that Chilson Hills will choose to be a community of God's hope, sharing God's joy, and living within the circle of God's peace.