

Sermon Discussion Questions

November 11, 2018

The Shoot From the Stump | Isaiah 11

1. This morning, we had the opportunity to hear an amazing testimony of how God answers prayer. After the sermon on Isaiah 7, did you ask God for a sign? If so, spend some time sharing as a group how the Lord revealed Himself to you.
2. Isaiah chapter 11, verse 1 says, “A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse...”. Jim pointed out that since it references the stump of Jesse, this means that Israel would be cut down. Most of the time when something is destroyed or cut down it is dead, it is over. Have you had something you hoped for destroyed, only to realize that there was a reason for that? Have you experienced a shattered dream only to later see that God had something even greater in store?
3. Isaiah 11: 3-5 refers to work that Jesus will do. Verses 3-4 say, “He will delight in the fear of the Lord, he will not judge by what he sees with His eyes, or decide by what he hears with His ears; but with righteousness He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth.” Spend some time praying for those who are often overlooked by our society. Spend some time praying for the poor and the needy. Spend some time praying for those suffering through injustice.
4. Pastor Jim concluded the message by reminding us that God is in control of even the tiniest details of our lives. Are there any areas in your life where you need to let go and give God total control? How can you encourage each other as a community to take real steps of faith today?
5. Pastor Jim explained that even though we are in-between Jesus’ first and second coming we can begin to participate in these promises right now. How are you currently experiencing peace, rest and rescue from sin and death?
6. Spend some time thanking God for all he has already done for you through His son Jesus. Thank Him for rescuing you from sin and death.
7. Spend some time thanking God for what he has promised you for the future. Thank Him for working in every detail of your life to bring you to a place of salvation and ultimately preparing a place for you in eternity with Him.