



DEC 6TH

THE *Light* IS COMING

**FROM THE DEAD,
A SAVIOR WILL COME**

ISAIAH 11:1-10, PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19, ROMANS 15:4-13, MATTHEW 3:1-12

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What is your favorite Christmas movie?
- Is Die Hard a Christmas film? Why or why not?

START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- For the nation of Israel, it seemed like the end of the road. Yet, in God, just because something died does not mean it is dead.
- Read Isaiah 11:1-5. What will this new branch out of the dead stump of Israel act like? Does this new branch remind you of anyone?
- In what specific ways does Jesus fulfill this passage?
- Is there something in your life (dreams, job, etc.) that God brought back to life?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Read Isaiah 11:6-10. This passage describes Jesus' yet to happen return to earth, the second coming. According to this passage, what will life be like?
- Does the idea of Jesus' return bring your hope? Fear? Joy? Apprehension?
- How should we live as we await his return?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, in this season of waiting, we thank you for Jesus, the embodiment of love who shows us how to love each other. Just as he brought peace and justice and hope in his first arrival, may we be people of peace and justice and hope as we await his second coming. Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Cultivate love in your relationships this week by finding tangible acts to show those that you care about that you truly love them.
- Curious as to what the season of Advent is all about? Check out this 4-day Bible reading on hope, peace, joy and love: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/13255-the-bible-project-advent>.