

Hope  
November 29, 2020

### **Read**

Read Isaiah 11 and 40.

### **Discuss**

- Have you ever experienced something in nature that took your breath away? What happened?
- Read Isaiah 40:28–31. When have you felt tired or like you were losing hope? What does it mean to hope, or be confidently expectant, in God? How can hope for the future renew our strength for today?
- What are some things you are putting your hope in now?
- Read Isaiah 11:1–9. What images and words stand out to you, and how do they make you feel? What is this vision of hope that God is giving His people? How do your expectations for the future compare with these verses?
- During Advent, we look back in order to look forward. How does Jesus' first arrival in Bethlehem give us confidence in His future arrival? How does having a confident expectation in Jesus change the way we approach our world?
- What will the world be like under Jesus' reign? How can we shift our attitude from hoping in good things to hoping in the greatest thing? What are the challenges of adjusting our expectations upward, and how can we overcome them?

### **Pray**

Thank Jesus for coming to earth and for his promise to return as King. Ask Him for strength, renewal, and hope in Him throughout this Advent season. Pray for hope for those who are having a challenging Advent season.

### **Next Steps**

Because we have hope in Jesus, we want to spread hope to the people around us. Check out the different Advent Conspiracy organizations we are partnering with on our website. If everyone is able and willing, consider making a collective gift as a group!