

Saturday December 15

We are awaiting the Messiah! In what way did you depend on the Holy Spirit's power and not your own today?

READ THE SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPOND IN WORSHIP: Take turns reading each line of verses 2 and 3 aloud. Is your delight in the fear of the LORD? Discuss what that would look like in your life.

Worship with Song: Sing, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Isaiah 11:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

The Branch from Jesse

11 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³and 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;

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den,

and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹They will neither harm nor destroy

on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the

nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious