

## Sermon-Based Small Group Questions

Week of December 10, 2023

### Advent Peace

Isaiah 40:1-5

#### This week's scripture:

- 1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
- 5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

#### Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What do we learn about God (e.g., traits, personality, what matters, priorities) in this passage?
- What do we learn about people, and ourselves in particular, this week?

#### Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- Pastor McLane said that we often hold a truncated view of peace: we pursue peace that is fleeting. How is the peace of Christ different?
- As we celebrate Advent, how will you prepare for the peace of Christ in your own life?