

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Isaiah 11:1

Ice Breaker: What part of the Christmas season are you most looking forward to?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the qualities you look for in a good leader? What are the signs of a poor leader?
2. **Read: Duet. 17:14-20.** What were the requirements of the King anticipated for God's people?
3. What is the general history of Kings over Israel & Judah? Did they follow these requirements or fail? (see. 1 Kings 11:4-5, 1 Kings 12:16-24, 2 Kings 22:1-2; 23:28-35)
4. What does the image of a stump convey? How does it relate to the kings over God's people?
5. Who is this branch that will bear fruit? (see Matthew 1:1, Luke 1:26-33, 2:4, 11, Rev. 22:16)
6. How would the hope of a future return of a King like David bring hope to the people of Isaiah's time? How does it bring hope to us today?
7. Do you find it easy or more difficult to follow authorities over you? Why or why not?
8. Why do we need a good King to lead us? What makes it difficult to trust and obey King Jesus?
9. How do we fight against the desire to be "King" over our own lives rather than submit to the rule of King Jesus?