SCC Small Group Discussion
Behind the Traditions: Advent Wreath
Isaiah 60:1-5, 19-20

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Getting Started:

What does light represent to you when it comes to the Christmas season?

Searching the Scriptures:

Light Attracts Attention (Isaiah 60:1–3)

1. In verses 1–3, God calls his people to "arise and shine" even while " darkness covers the earth." Why do you think light is more effective, and draws more attention, when the surrounding culture feels dark or hopeless?

2. What are some of the ways the glory of the Lord rises upon us?

3. Verse 3 says nations and kings will be drawn to the brightness of that rising light. Think of someone in your life whose faith naturally attracted your attention to God. What was it about how they lived that stood out?

Light Guides Our Steps (Isaiah 60:4–5)

4. Verses 4–5 shift from seeing the light to moving toward it, sons and daughters gathering from afar, and hearts "throbbing and swelling with joy." How does having a clear spiritual direction change the way you walk through uncertain seasons?

5. Have you ever had to make a decision when you couldn't see the whole path ahead, only the very next step? What helped you trust the light you had in that moment?

Light Exposes Reality (Isaiah 60:19–20)

6. Verses 19–20 describe a reality where the sun and moon are no longer needed because the Lord himself is an "everlasting light," and "your days of sorrow will end." How does viewing life through God's permanent reality change the way you interpret temporary setbacks or grief?

7. Light doesn't just comfort; it also exposes areas in our hearts that need healing and truths we may have forgotten. How do you distinguish between the enemy's condemnation and God's light exposing something so it can be restored?

Applying the Scriptures:

How does it make you feel knowing that the glory of the Lord rises upon you?

Where in your life right now: work, family, or a personal decision, do you most need clarity and God’s light right now?

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