
Small Group Discussion Guide — AUGUST 10, 2025

- Series: Isaiah's Voice
 - Sermon: The Glory
 - Scripture: Isaiah 60: 1-7, 18-22
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FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK

Last week we talked about trusting God's bigger story when His ways don't make sense. Since then, did you notice any moments where you tried to view your situation through that lens? How did it impact your perspective or actions?

CONNECT

1. What stood out to you from this past week's service, and why?
2. If you could relive one day from this summer, which day would you choose and why? Or What's one thing you didn't get to do this summer that you wish you had?

ENGAGE

1. Read Isaiah 60:1-3 aloud and then follow with 2 Corinthians 4:4-6. How do these passages portray the contrast between the darkness of the world and the light God shines on His people? In what ways do these scriptures deepen or challenge your understanding of God's mission in the world today? How might this calling reflect His light and shape the way we live and interact with others?
2. Have someone read Revelation 21:6-27 aloud. As you listen, what similarities or connections do you notice in Isaiah 60? How do these passages together shape your understanding of God's future kingdom? What hope do they offer you personally?
3. Read v 18-22 and take time to day dream about what it would be like if Jesus returned tomorrow and set up His throne in Jerusalem. What do you imagine that scene would be like? What part of that future excites you? Which of God's promises stand out to you the most and why?

APPLY

1. The Israelites in Isaiah's time faced struggles and suffering, much like we do today. Isaiah called them to rise, shine, look around and to wake up. How can we live out these 4 actions in our daily lives today?

2. We all have a holy hunger - a deep desire for God - and we are made for His glory and for another place. How does recognizing this longing shape the way we search for meaning and purpose in life?
3. Matt shared how Tomas said 10 years ago that "It's time for the church to come out of hiding" and now we're seeing young adults growing in connection to the church. How can we be a part of that momentum? What are some ways our Hope community can create that space? Have you ever experienced a time when you felt like "coming out of hiding" in your faith?

PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for Your glory - a glory that is eternal, pure and life giving. May we be consumed with Your glory and not the fleeting things of this world, but by the radiant beauty of your justice, mercy and peace. We confess how easily we get caught up chasing after worldly glories - continue to mold and shape us so that our lives truly reflect You. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 59:12-17

2 corinthians 4:4-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

Revelation 21:9-11, 22-27

GOING DEEPER

How does embracing the identity of a people marked by God's glory change the way we approach suffering, injustice, or waiting? And how might that lead us to respond by repenting and trusting God, leaning into His love in grief, or confessing and turning from rebellion to embrace what He has in store for us?

QUOTES

"If we find within ourselves a desire from which no earthly satisfaction can be found, perhaps this is the evidence that we were made for another place altogether. " C.S. Lewis